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**B'desh HC orders Hindu leader's release on bail**

A bench of Bangladesh High Court on Wednesday ordered the release of Hindu leader Chinmoy Krishna Das on bail, five months after he was arrested on a charge of defaming the country's national flag. On October 31, a case was filed against Das and 18 others. A former ISKCON leader, Das was arrested at Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport on November 25 last year.


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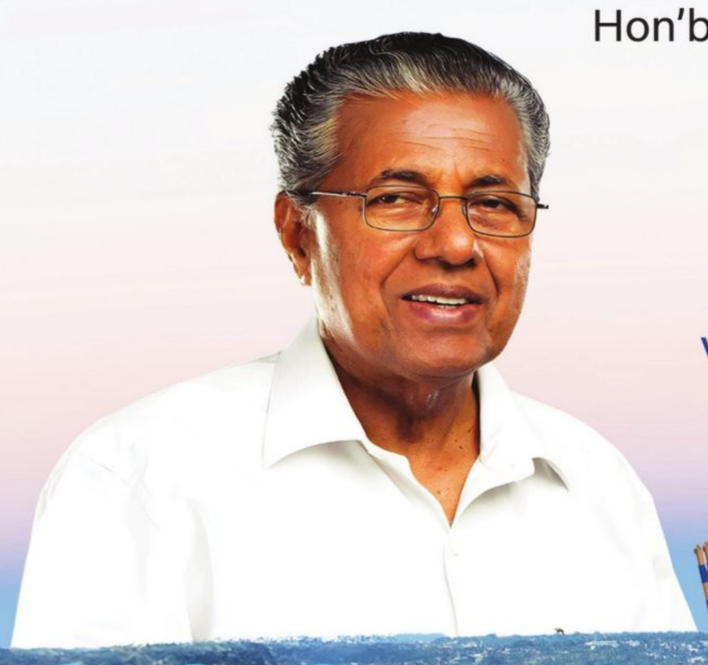

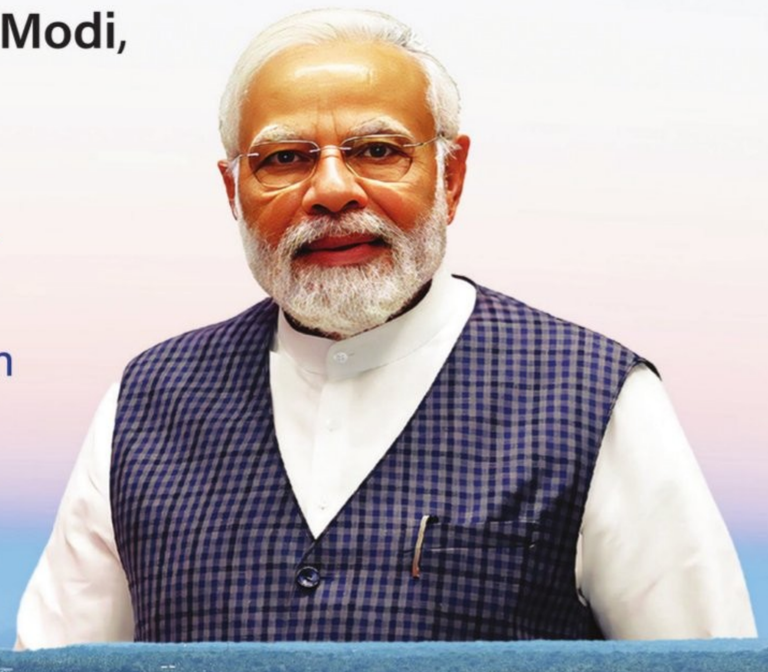

Kerala takes a historic step towards making India a global maritime powerhouse, with the dedication of India's first automated, deep-water international container trans-shipment terminal in Thiruvananthapuram. The groundbreaking infrastructure project will mark Kerala's emergence as a global maritime hub, while ushering in a promising future for India's maritime industry. A testament to successful public-private collaboration, the port that can accommodate the world's largest container ships will firmly place the country on the global trans-shipment map.

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• Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

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Sunset 06.34 pm
Moonrise 08.22 am
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Former BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath hands over the baton to his successor Maheshwar Rao at the Palike head office on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Karnataka betters national average in ICSE, ISC exams

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@ Bengaluru

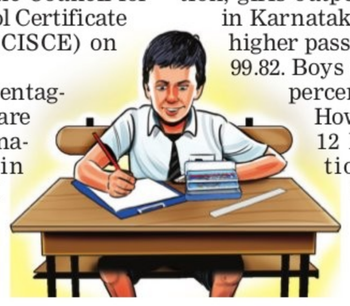
KARNATAKA recorded an impressive performance in the Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) and Indian School Certificate (ISC) board examinations.

The state achieved a pass percentage of 99.70 in Class 10 ICSE and 99.63 in Class 12 ISC examinations. The results were announced by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) on Wednesday.

The pass percentages in Karnataka are higher than the national average in the ICSE and ISC examinations. While the state recorded 99.70 pass percentage in Class 10 ICSE and 99.63 in Class 12 ISC examinations, the national average stood at 99.09 for ICSE and 99.02 for ISC.

In all, 29,745 students from Class 10 and 2,442 from Class 12 appeared for the ICSE and ISC examinations, respectively, in Karnataka this year. Of them, only 89 ICSE and nine ISC students did not clear the exams.

In Class 10 ICSE examination, girls outperformed boys in Karnataka, achieving a higher pass percentage of 99.82. Boys secured a pass percentage of 99.58. However, in Class 12 ISC examination, boys performed slightly better than girls, securing a pass percentage of 99.65. Girls recorded a pass percentage of 99.61.



In ICSE exams, students from special categories performed exceptionally well. In all, 2,019 SC students appeared for Class 10 exam, recording a pass percentage of 99.41. In the ST category, 479 students secured a pass percentage of 99.37, while 13,238 students from the OBC category recorded a pass percentage of 99.56.

In the ISC examination, special category students from Karnataka performed well. Ninety-seven SC students appeared for Class 12 exam, recording a pass percentage of 93.81. All 33 ST students, who appeared for the exam, cleared it, securing a perfect 100%. Similarly, all 447 students from the OBC category passed.

# New BBMP chief vows action on monsoon woes

He plans a quick review of flood-prone areas for the smooth functioning of city

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

THE newly appointed Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner, Maheshwar Rao, who is also the Managing Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), said working at BBMP is a huge responsibility. After assuming charges on Wednesday, he said, " We need to take precautionary measures to avoid any rain-related problems during the monsoon. BBMP needs to be prepared, as there are a lot of ongoing infrastructure projects. We will solve the issues of Bengaluru to the best of our ability".

On issues of delimitation exercise and reservation of Other Backwards Classes for Greater Bengaluru Authority, he said the guidelines from the State government have to be followed and will try to implement them at the earliest. Stressing his priority for the city during the monsoon, Rao stated that the Municipality has to provide the basic amenities.

He also admitted that he is aware of the issues of garbage management, potholes, and bad road stretches in the city. "These are the issues that have been tackled in the past by the BBMP. There have been cases of excess flooding. By and large, the organisation has been trying to address problems in vulnerable areas. We will do a quick review if the treatment has been done in those areas. When the city grows, there will be some problems like this. We will see what measures we will have to take to ensure nothing stops the city," Rao stated.

To a question that he will probably be the last one to head BBMP as the existing municipality will cease following the approval from the Governor for the Greater Bengaluru Governance Bill, he said, "BBMP will abide by the government's decision. We aim to improve our efficiency and performance.

SHINE ON!

People buy gold jewellery on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, in Bengaluru on Wednesday. A recent consumer survey by LocalCircles highlighted a growing trust in hallmarked jewellery, alongside a significant gap in awareness regarding how to verify its authenticity | VINOD KUMAR T

## Dulat's book explores bond with ex-J&K CM Farooq

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FROM what he once believed was an impossible equation — an Indian intelligence officer forging a bond with the Kashmir Chief Minister — AS Dulat now, through his book, offers a candid account of an enduring and unlikely friendship. In his latest book, 'The Chief Minister and the Spy: An Unlikely Friendship,' Dulat delves into his complex relationship with Farooq Abdullah, former Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, shedding light on their collaboration amid one of India's most protracted conflicts. Dulat, who served as the Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau (IB), recounted how he was posted to Srinagar in 1988 during a tumultuous period in Kashmir's history. During the conversation at the book release, Dulat also touched upon the unlikely but strong friendship between Former PM HD Deve Gowda and Farooq. The book offers an insider's perspective on pivotal events, including the rise of militancy in the 1990s, the hijacking of Air India Flight IC-814 in 1999, and the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

### Belagavi-Bengaluru Vande Bharat train gets green signal

Belagavi: Belagavi MP Jagadish Shettar said that the Centre has given its nod to run Vande Bharat train between Belagavi-Bengaluru. The train is presently runs between Bengaluru and Dharwad. Most of the trains including Rani Chennamma Express and Angadi Express which connect Bengaluru to Belagavi have been running full most of the times. As a result, many passengers from Belagavi region had no other choice but to travel to Hubballi or Dharwad on road to catch trains to Bengaluru.

## Spare hotels over gratuity premium: HC to state govt

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THE Karnataka High Court directed the state government not to take coercive measures until the next date of hearing against the petitioners --Bruhat Bengaluru Hotels Association -- for default in paying Gratuity Insurance Premium to employees who have completed five years of service.

Justice BM Shyam Prasad passed the interim order after hearing the petition filed by the Association in 2024, questioning the notification dated January 10, 2024 issued by the Department of Labour. The hearing was adjourned to June 3.

The petitioners' counselargued that the court will have to interfere and strike down insurance rules as they compel employers to pay gratuity insurance premium even for those employees who have not completed five years. Insurance Rules do not distinguish between the employers based on any parameters. This has to be considered as the insurance premium will have to be paid even before the gratuity becomes payable and small-scale industries are financially burdened beyond their profits.

EXPRESS READ

### Three more coaches for Metro's Yellow Line

ENS @ Bengaluru: A new batch of coaches for the Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is set to arrive in the city soon, officials confirmed. However, they remained tight-lipped about the commencement date for operations on the much-delayed Yellow Line. According to an official release from BMRCL on Wednesday, the latest batch of metro cars are being despatched to Bengaluru. "Three cars from the third train set have been shipped from Titagarh factory, in West Bengal, while the remaining three are scheduled to be loaded and transported to Bengaluru by May 2, 2025. The additional set of three more metro cars are expected to arrive in Bengaluru between May 10 and May 15 2025," the release here said. The BMRCL officials said with the commissioning of three new trains, BMRCL is accelerating efforts to bring the Yellow Line section into service at the earliest.

### 1,285 garbage blackspots fixed in 10 days

Bengaluru: The Bangalore Solid Waste Management Ltd (BSWML), an offshoot of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike dealing with garbage management, has cleared over 10,000 tonnes of waste from 1,285 blackspots during its ten-day drive from April 21 to April 30. BSWML Chief Operating Officer Ramamani said solid waste management teams, ward engineers and BBMP marshals with support from NGOs and residential welfare associations removed 10,000 metric tonnes of waste, including construction debris and broken furniture, from 1,285 of 1,553 blackspots across the city. "Cleaning drives and fixing garbage blackspots are an ongoing process. Officials will take up work on the remaining spots," Ramamani said. Residents were encouraged to inform the Palike and police about the dumping of construction debris and broken furniture. Marshals imposed penalties on a few offenders who were caught dumping garbage on street corners and public places.

### FKCCI slams price hike, warns of job losses

Bengaluru: The Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI) expressed concern over the hike in various commodities, including the recent decision to hike liquor prices and the registration fee of commercial vehicles, on Wednesday. FKCCI President MG Balakrishna said the proposed hike in liquor prices would adversely impact the hospitality and tourism sectors, which might lead to reduced consumer spending and job loss. Also, the increase in registration fees for commercial vehicles will escalate logistics and transportation costs, affecting supply chains and the overall cost of goods. "We understand the government's need to augment revenue, but it is imperative to consider the timing and cumulative impact of these measures." We urge the government to engage in dialogue with industry stakeholders to devise balanced solutions that support economic growth without overburdening businesses," he said. They also expressed their anguish against increases in power tariffs, water charges, property taxes, garbage collection fees.

### Vidyashilp varsity hosts seminar on edu

Bengaluru: Vidyashilp University organised its flagship event -- FOHE-Future of Higher Education 2025 -- on Tuesday, bringing together educators, economists, industry leaders and students to explore the evolving landscape of higher education in India. The event focused on interdisciplinary learning, innovation and preparing students for a dynamic global economy. Vice-Chancellor Prof P G Babu highlighted the importance of bridging skill mismatches by integrating arts and sciences and announced upcoming international faculty collaborations. Dr Tirthankar Patnaik, Chief Economist at the National Stock Exchange of India, spoke on the need for adaptability and technological leadership among graduates. Author Rashmi Bansal encouraged students to build real-world confidence and practical life skills.

### BIS holds Manak Manthan session

Bengaluru: The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), Bengaluru branch, organised a 'Manak Manthan' on 'Amendment 1' to the IS 303:2024, which governs the 'plywood for general purposes'. The session, held at its office on Tuesday, was led by BIS joint director and scientist Karem Rajasekhar, who provided in-depth technical insights. He delivered a detailed presentation on IS 303:2024 - Amendment 1, thoroughly discussing each clause and the specific changes introduced under the amendment, stated a press release on Tuesday. In addition, he addressed the licensing process for non-licencees, providing clarity on how manufacturers can apply for a BIS licence. He also elaborated on the procedures related to failure and suspension of licences, thereby offering comprehensive guidance to participants from both licensed and unlicensed backgrounds, the release added. Representatives from the plywood industry, academia, NGOs, consumers, sellers and other stakeholders took part in the session.

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**01ST May : I was discussing astrology with some scientists recently. They had questions about whether astrology could be proved or not. The answer is not an easy one, because astrology deals in unique situations which cannot be repeated in a laboratory. Actually, many would say that astrology is closer to poetry than physics - and I'd agree with them.**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Mars' intriguing relationship with Neptune is pretty near perfect as far as all work and professional ambitions are concerned, but only if you are able to recognise the difference between the way the world is on the one hand, and the way you'd like it to be on the other.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Like most people, you are blessed with a planetary alignment which confers inspiration and imagination. What is more impressive in your chart is the manner in which your creative powers and spiritual aspirations are triggered. You should always try to see the best in people.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
Continued close attention to a financial matter is desirable, although not essential. When other people abandon their responsibilities, you will be the one who knows where to turn, for you have an amazing wealth of experience to draw on from the past.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
Your daily planets reveal this to be a special day if you have proposals to put forward and arguments to win. However, the long-term perspective evokes deep memories and could cause you to reflect on all those things which happened so long ago. Hopefully certain recollections are no longer as painful as they were.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Secrecy is not one of your better-known characteristics, but today you really have to keep something to yourself. Don't worry about deceiving partners as long as there is no self-interest involved. It may be, for example, that you keep something from them for their own good.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
If you are beginning to feel as if you're walking up the down escalator, then you're probably pretty much in tune with the stars. The secret is to change direction now, before you end up in the wrong place! You won't lose the thread completely, even if other people think you have.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Carry on with all-important professional moves, regardless of associates' potentially time-wasting or disruptive actions. If you give charitable activities a high priority you will do what the mystical philosophers call 'making merit', with many good results in the future.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Pluto has played a profound role in your chart for many years, so emotional intensity is nothing new. On the other hand, occasionally a new pitch of excitement is reached and, right now, under the Moon's powerful sway, you may demand a new level of commitment.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Your material and business interests may have to come first, no matter how much you have to spend or invest. If you have any uncertainties at work, or in any major public ambition, you may put important developments on hold until the picture is clearer.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Sober Saturn and jovial Jupiter are once again being activated, reminding everyone that you are much more than the materialistic stereotype of an astrological cliché. Don't be afraid to speak your mind, or break out of the rut in which you have buried yourself!

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Spare a little time for your physical well-being, and use the opportunity provided by today's lunar position to clean up your diet and check out a new fitness regime. Don't be perturbed by a financial delay, but keep an eye on other people, just to make sure that they're doing what they said they'd do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The Sun is sailing along in a sensitive region of your solar chart, which is astrological short-hand for saying that although colleagues may seem to be quite happy, someone, somewhere, is about to hit the roof. Keep your psychic antennae buzzing and try to spot problems before they arise.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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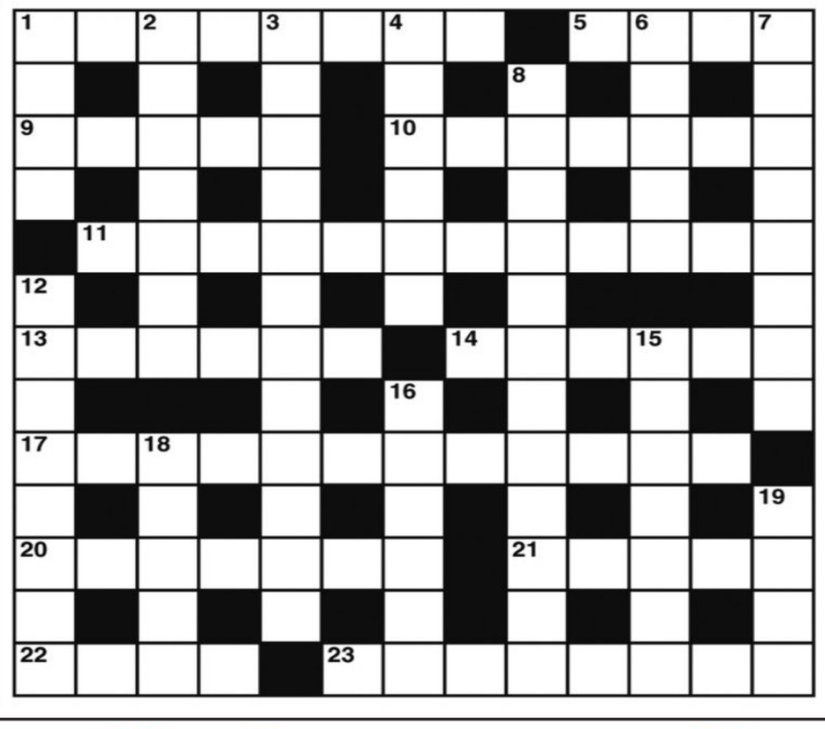

CROSS WORD

**ACROSS**
1 Part of movement set to swingtime (8)
5 Choose to break new ground? (4)
9 One may slip and fall into it (5)
10 Leave a musical group and have no comeback (7)
11 Unmarried individual (6,6)
13 The illumination comes down (6)
14 Ancient sports are arranged just so (6)
17 It gives the larger view of a writer's work (7,5)
20 Coming from China it is found in Italy (7)
21 A lot of money for a piano (5)
22 Advanced season? (4)
23 Fabric once rent easily repaired (8)

**DOWN**
1 Shepherdess of sly look (4)
2 Dealing with someone with a complaint (7)
3 It's noted for being honest and quiet (7,5)
4 Habits of a wise man in America (6)
6 Great Asian long-distance runner (5)
7 As a favour see one's relatives end up on ship (8)
8 Have a liking for aviation as a form of escapism? (4,2,6)
12 Describing a priest in office? (8)
15 Continually keep us up to the mark (7)
16 Not so fair (6)
18 Strange story told in article (5)
19 Turn over at leisure (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

**Across:** 1 Close call, 8 Ocean, 9 Erasure, 10 Figaro, 11 Reveal, 12 Expanded, 15 Emphasis, 18 Spoils, 20 Send up, 21 Colombo, 22 Onset, 23 Soft pedal.

**Down:** 2 Large, 3 Sashes, 4 Careless, 5 Lolita, 6 Demands, 7 Union dues, 11 Recession, 13 Passport, 14 Spanish, 16 Adults, 17 Morose, 19 Libra.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HAIRY CLERK UPBEAT MASCOT
Answer: The fish was small, so she released it back into the water and said — CATCH YOU LATER

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### Rajasthan to be part of cheetah reintroduction

Rajasthan is set to become a part of India's first cheetah reintroduction project, currently operational in Madhya Pradesh. A wildlife corridor spanning 17,000 sqkm will be developed across both states, allowing cheetahs to roam freely in a protected and connected habitat. The corridor will link Palpur Kuno National Park and Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary in MP with the Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan.

Celebration of

Poura - Karmika Day

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Shri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and
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A total of 293 medical professionals graduated from St John's Medical College at its 57th Annual Convocation and College Day held on Wednesday. The batch included 147 MBBS students, 112 postgraduates, 31 super-speciality postgraduates, and three PhD scholars

# Rowdy makes 2 murder bids, man seeks security

## Victim threatened for refusing to pay money

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A 36-year-old man has sought police protection after two murder attempts were made on him by notorious rowdy Ballari Shiva, who is wanted in more than 10 cases, including two murders. The rowdy is said to have been frustrated with the victim for not giving him money to play cards. The victim, C Shivappa, told police that he had already given Ballari Shiva more than Rs 30,000, fearing for his life. Sathanur police registered a case against Ballari Shiva.

Shivappa, from Nallahalli Doddi village in Kanakapura, filed a complaint against Ballari Shiva on Monday. The accused had made the first attempt when Shivappa and his friends Suresh and Manjunath were going in a car to Kanakapura. Around 3pm April 24, Shiva is said to have stopped the complainant's car and tried to attack him with a machete. Shivappa managed to escape by getting off the car with his friends, and running away from the spot. After some time they returned and took the car.

Again around 9pm, Shiva went near the victim's house, started abusing him and asked him to come outside the house. Shivappa, fearing for his life, remained indoors while the accused damaged his scooter and a few other valuables.

"The accused, K Shivakumar alias Ballari Shiva, 37, is from Doddahalahalli village in Huyamballi hobli of Kanakapura taluk in Ramanagara district. According to the complainant, the accused would take money from him, and threaten to kill him. He is also alleged to have been threatening a few others in the area to claim dominance, and nobody wanted to complain against him due to his criminal activities," said an officer.

A case of attempt to murder, extortion, wrongful restraint along with other sections of BNS were registered. The police said, based on a complaint filed by Sachin's father, a case has been registered against driver Nagesh, who has been arrested. The victims were minors and the rider didn't have a Driving License.

**CRICKET LIVELIHOOD**

A woman sells Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) jerseys in Bengaluru ahead of an IPL match between Chennai Super Kings and RCB on May 3 | VINOD KUMAR.T

# Nigerian woman found dead, foul play suspected

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A 30-year-old foreign national woman was found dead on Bettahalasur Main Road at Telecom Layout on Wednesday morning around 8:30 am. Passersby who discovered the body immediately alerted the police control room.

Based on some documents found on her, the police have found her name as Loweth from Cross River (Oyono) of Nigeria. However, the police have yet to ascertain her exact identity. "We have found out her identity and the place where she was residing. Unless we go through her documents, we can't further comment. There is a strangulation mark on the body and also an external injury on her forehead. A case of murder has been registered. We suspect that she must have been murdered elsewhere and the body was dumped in the deserted area," said an officer.

The police are yet to ascertain if she was overstaying in the country and under what visa she had come to India. The body has been shifted to the Ambedkar Hospital's mortuary for the postmortem. The Chikkajala police have registered the case.

# SSLC student killed as tanker rams scooter

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

A 17-year-old pillion rider lost his life, and his friend was injured when a speeding milk tanker collided with their scooter, causing the teenager to fall and be run over by the rear wheels of the tanker. The incident took place near the BEL underpass on Wednesday morning. The Sadashivanagar traffic police arrested the tanker driver, who was found to be under the influence of alcohol and driving the vehicle in overspeeding.

The deceased has been identified as Harsha (17), an SSLC student and the injured rider is Sachin (16). Both are residents of Srirampura. The accused driver is Nagesh (37).

According to the police, around 6.30 am, Sachin picked up Harsha and the two were heading to work from Srirampura towards New BEL Main Road when the tanker collided with their scooter and hit the road divider. Both the victims fell onto the road, and Harsha was run over by the rear wheel of the tanker. Passersby rushed both of them to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared Harsha brought dead. Sachin sustained serious injuries to his legs and hands, the police said.

The police further added that, based on a complaint filed by Sachin's father, a case has been registered against driver Nagesh, who has been arrested. The victims were minors and the rider didn't have a Driving License (DL) and police are verifying other documents.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Forgery case: Bloomfield School, officials in soup

Bengaluru: The Vidhana Soudha police have registered a case against the chairman of BGS Bloomfield School Gurappa Naidu, his wife, and a few other government officials, including the official from the fire and emergency services department, for allegedly cheating and forging a fire safety certificate. The school is located near Thyagaraja Nagar in Basavanagudi. The police said the accused has submitted a forged No Objection Certificate (NOC) or fire safety certificate to both the High Court of Karnataka and the CBSE Board in Delhi for the school's affiliation. The school had failed to obtain a valid NOC and instead submitted a fake one, putting the lives of around 800 students and the public at risk. Based on a complaint on April 29, the police registered a case, including charges of forgery. Advocate Sudha Katwa, who filed a complaint, told TNIE that they had earlier filed a written petition against the four-storey building illegally built on a stormwater drain without proper planning or documentation. The court later converted the case into a Public Interest Litigation (PIL). The accused had created fake and forged NoCs for affiliation clearance, she alleged. ENS

### NHRC seeks report on Hubballi police encounter

Bengaluru: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of the alleged Hubballi police encounter case and sought a detailed report from the government within four weeks. A five-year-old girl was allegedly abducted, raped and murdered by Ritesh Kumar, a migrant labourer from Bihar, in Ashok Nagar police station limits in Hubballi on April 14. He was arrested by the police the same day and was taken to his residence for spot inspection. He allegedly attacked the police by throwing stones and tried to flee. Police sub-inspector Annapurna then shot him in the leg and back. He was later declared dead by doctors. According to a press release, the commission took suo motu cognizance based on media reports and observed that the contents of the news report, if true, indicate a serious violation of the human rights of the victim, a minor girl, and the arrested suspected perpetrator, who was killed in an alleged encounter. The commission has issued notices to the chief secretary and the director general of police (DGP), Karnataka, seeking a detailed report on the matter within four weeks. ENS

# BWSSB FOILS CYBER ATTACK ON WATER CONNECTION PORTAL

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BANGALORE Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) Chairman Ram Prasath Manohar revealed that the board's online water connection portal faced a cyber attack recently, but officials managed to counter it before any sensitive data could be compromised.

Officials said the cyber attack was detected on April 11 and initial investigations confirmed that no sensitive customer data was compromised.

Following an alert from the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In), BWSSB's technical team acted swiftly to contain the breach, he said.

The customer data is securely stored in the state data centre managed by the state government. The cyber attack was focused on the portal linked to connection applications, which contained limited and recent applicant data. Preliminary analysis confirmed that while a small portion of data was accessed, no sensitive or confidential customer information was leaked, the official added.

"A formal complaint has been registered with the Cyber Crime police station for further investigation," said the BWSSB chief

As a precautionary step, all relevant data from the affected portal has been transferred to more secure centralised servers. BWSSB is also actively evaluating the implementation of blockchain technology to enhance digital security. "Recognised for its transparency, immutability and resistance to tampering, blockchain is being considered as a long-term solution to fortify the board's digital infrastructure," he said.


**CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGING TECHNOLOGY (C -DIT)**
Thiruvananthapuram-695027, Ph: 0471-2380910/912
**E-TENDER NOTICE**
e-Tenders are invited for the supply of the following
1. **Taggant Embedded Ink for letter press label printing**
Tender id: 2025_CDIT_762675_1
2. **Aluminum Metalised Tamper Evident Polyester Film**
Tender id: 2025_CDIT_762696_1
3. **Aluminum Metalised Taggant Embedded Tamper Evident Film**
Tender id: 2025_CDIT_762711_1
Last date of submission of bids: 08.05.2025 03.00 PM. For details and online submission of bid please visit: www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
30.04.2025 Registrar, C-DIT

**UJVN LIMITED**
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No.U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website:www.ujvnl.com
Letter No:305 Date: 30/04/2025
**e-Nit no 13/SPH/2024-25 Cancellation Notice**
Due to unavoidable circumstances e-tender No. 13/SPH/2024-25 for,"Augmentation of Transformer Capacity of 132 KV Switchyard from 2x40 MVA to 1x80 MVA+ 1x40 MVA at 132/33 kV Voltage level at Sharda Power House, Lohiahead" invited by the office of Executive Engineer(M&G), Sharda Power House, Lohiahead, Khatima,is hereby cancelled.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in
Executive Engineer (M&G)
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

**RAIL WHEEL FACTORY**
Website: rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
**ONLINE VENDORS' MEET 2025**
Rail Wheel Factory will be conducting online Vendors' Meet on 05/05/2025 at 15:30 Hrs to 17:30 Hrs.
The primary focus of the event is to promote participation of MSEs in public procurement, identify potential sources for development of Vendors for imported items, development of additional sources for items for which limited sources are available, promote Vendors to aim at adopting sustainable manufacturing methods in Green Supply Chain Policy.
The meeting link is given below:
Weblink:
**https://railnet10.webex.com/railnet10/j.php?MTID=m32183 3932ee9a3102da87f766e6bfca3**
**Meeting No: 25164953159**
**Meeting password: 123456**
The weblink will be activated at **15:15 Hrs on 05/05/2025.**
For details, mail to: **E-mail IDs: dycmm.1@rwf.railnet.gov.in, smm.qmc@gmail.com**
PRINCIPAL CHIEF MATERIALS MANAGER

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inand Water Transport Department)
**Karnataka Maritime Board**
office of the Executive Engineer, Port & Fisheries Division, "Shamili Hall" 2nd floor, Ambalapady, Udupi-576103
Tel No: 0820-2532961, Fax No: 020-2532961, Email: pfdudupi@gmail.com
**No:EE: P&F: DVN: Udupi:AE:Tender Notification-01/2025-26**: Dt. 28-04-2025
**Invitation for tenders (IFT) Two cover system**
**Tender Notification**
**(Two Document System)**
On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, **"Providing consulatancy services for preparation of DPR for the shore protection works in Udupi (Rs.67,79,000.00) and Dakshina Kannada (Rs. 84,50,000.00) district as suggested by shoreline management plan Karnataka prepared by NCSCM Chennai"** Tender is invited in E-Procurement to execute the works. To participate in E-Procurement and for more information may be obtained in **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.
**Executive Engineer,**
Port and Fisheries Division, Udupi

**RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.**
KALISINDH THERMAL POWER PROJECT, JHALAWAR (RAJASTHAN)
**Online TENDER NOTICE TN-644(RVU2526WLOB00172)**
E-tenders are invited for Annual rate contract for empanelment of transportation agency(s)/ contractor(s) for excavation and transportation of pond/mound ash from ash pond/dyke of KaTPP, RVUN, Jhalawar to various locations of user agency(s). Tender details are available on websites **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**
Raj.Samwad/C/25/1481 RVUN/PR-4186 Chief Engineer (KaTPP)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
Our client, **Mr. Sanjeev H.R,** son of H.S Rangaswamy, is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property new Corporation No.26/1, PID No.29-117-26/1, Panchala Ankanna Galli, Manavarthpete, Chikpete, Bengaluru 560053 (more fully described in the schedule below and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property"). Our client states that the below mentioned documents pertaining to the Schedule Property has been lost / misplaced and our client has also lodged a police complaint in this regard.
1.Original Special Notice issued for assigning New.No26/1 to old No.26
2.Photo copy of original registered sale deed bearing doc no 1388-1979/80
The general public are hereby notified to return the aforementioned document to the undersigned if found. The general public are hereby notified not to deal with the Schedule Property without the express consent of our client.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing new Corporation No.26/1, PID No.29-117-26/1, Panchala Ankanna Galli, Manavarthpete, Chikpete, Bengaluru 560053 Measuring East to West:37 feet, Measuring North to South:16 feet, In all measuring 592 square feet, partly commercial and partly residential and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** House of Byrappa & Brothers, On the **West by:** Road/Galli, On the **North by:** remaining portion of Propetrty No.6 sold to G. Lakshminarayana. On the **South by:** House of Muniyappa
**Bhargavi Dev K** - Advocate **M/s. MD&T Partners**
No.80, 1st Floor, 6th Main, 16th Cross, Vyalikaval Extension, Gayatridevi Park, Bengaluru 560003. Ph: 080-23466529

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
**(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)**
**TENDER NOTICE No. TBM-SG-CN-2025-26-04-OT**
**Dated: 29.04.2025**
**(SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM)**
For and on behalf of the President of India, The Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Tambaram invites e-tender for the following works:
**Item No.: 1; Name of the Works:** Upgradation of WESTRACE MK-2 Electronic Interlocking system in centralized architecture at OTTIVAKKAM, TOZHUPPEDU & PERANI stations in Chennai Division of Southern Railway

| Item No. | Cash value in ₹ | Bid Security (EMD) ₹ | Last Date and time of submission of e-Tender through IREPS site | Cost of Tender Document ₹ | Period of Completion in months(s) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| 1 | 97418998.57 | 637100 | 19.05.2025 | 0 | 6 (Six) |

Tenderers can view full details of tender and submit their offer at the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** of Indian Railways.
**The supply / work is subject to GST rules applicable from time to time.**
**Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Construction / Tambaram / Chennai - 600 045**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE,
U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP,
HAL Airport Road, Bengaluru - 560 017
(Phone: 080 25084184, 4156)
**BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE**

| Sl.No | Description | Details |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of work | Construction of Internal Fabrication Facility, ISITE Campus, URSC Marathahalli, Bengaluru 560037. |
| 2 | E-Tender Notice No. | URSC/C&MG/C/C/02/2025-26, Dt: 25/04/2025 |
| 3 | Estimated cost put to tender | ₹ 262.25 Lakhs |
| 4 | Tender Document details | **E-Tender** |
| 5 | Period of completion | SIX MONTHS |
| 6 | Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) | Rs. 5,24,500/- valid for 180 days |
| 7 | Period during which the tender document can be downloaded. | From 09.30 hrs on 28.04.2025 to 16.30 hrs on 05.05.2025 |
| 8 | Bid clarification | From 10.30 hrs on 29.04.2025 to 10.30 hrs on 06.05.2025 |
| 9 | Last date of reply to Bid Clarification | Up to 17.00 hrs on 06.05.2025 |
| 10 | Last date and time for receipt of tenders | Up to 14.30 hrs on 07.05.2025 |
| 11 | Due date and time of opening of tenders | 14.30 hrs Onwards on 07.05.2025 |

Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (NIET) for eligibility criteria and other details along with Hindi version in website: www.isro.gov.in and download the tender documents from www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.
**Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG, URSC**

**COCHIN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED**
CIAL/COML/ADMN 129/2025 01st May 2025
**TENDER NOTICE**
**TROLLEY MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT CIAL**
Sealed Pre-Qualification documents are invited from eligible agencies for providing Trolley Management Services at Cochin International Airport. Applications for Pre-Qualification should reach the office of the Managing Director, CIAL on or before **19th May 2025**. For further details, please visit our website **www.cial.aero/tenders** or Ph: 0484-2610115 Extn: 2274/3507. **(Sd/-)**
MANAGING DIRECTOR

**OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER P.H.E.D, CIRCLE TONK**
NO: 715-722 DATE : 16/04/2025
***NOTICE INVITING TENDERS THROUGH e-procurement system NIT No. 05-08/2025-26***
Bids are invited from interested bidders from 19.04.2025 (06.00 PM) to 12.05.2025 (06.00 PM) as per following details. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on procurement portal. **(https://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state.
**NIB No. PHE2526AD534**

| NIT No. | Name of work | UBN No. |
|---|---|---|
| 05/2025-26 | Drilling of bore hole by DTH & Combination rig of 200 mm dia, supply and installation of energy efficient Submersible Pump sets, Panels, Cables and other allied works including commissioning and testing of tube well in Sub Division Malpura under jurisdiction of Division Malpura under Annual rate contract. (Estimated Cost Rs. 250.00 Lacs) | PHE 2526 WSRC 01303 |
| 06/2025-26 | Drilling of bore hole by DTH & Combination rig of 200 mm dia, supply and installation of energy efficient Submersible Pump sets, Panels, Cables and other allied works including commissioning and testing of tube well in Sub Division Todaraisingh under jurisdiction of Division Malpura under Annual rate contract. (Estimated Cost Rs. 250.00 Lacs) | PHE 2526 WSRC 01305 |
| 07/2025-26 | Annual Rate Contract For Deepening And Flushing Of Tubewell And Handpump Under Division Malpura (Estimated Cost Rs. 250.00 Lacs) | PHE 2526 WSRC 01306 |
| 08/2025-26 | Annual Rate Contract For Uplifting And Platform Repairing Of Handpump In Sub Division Malpura Under Jurisdiction Of Division Malpura (Estimated Cost Rs. 250.00 Lacs) | PHE 2526 WSRC 01307 |

Date & time of opening of tender **13.05.2025 at 04:00 PM**
**Sd/- (Rajesh Kumar Goyal)**
**Superintending Engineer**
**PHED Circle Tonk**
DIPR/C/5553/2025

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
Our client, **Mr. Sanjeev H.R,** son of H.S Rangaswamy, is the sole and absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property bearing Municipal No.45/48, having PID No.22-35-45/48, situated at Gubbanna Layout (formerly called Plot No.A2, part of Sy.No.257 of Kempapura Agrahara Village), 9th Cross, Gubbanna layout (Industrial Estate), 6th Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru 560010, comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.22, Sriram Mandira Ward (morefully described in the schedule below and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property")Measuring East to West on the Northern Side:30 feet, Measuring East to West on the Southern Side: 34.2 feet, Measuring North to South on the Eastern Side:68.7 feet, Measuring North to South on the Western Side:63 feet, In all measuring 2323 square feet and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** property belonging to Nageshwara Rao K, On the **West by:** property belonging to Ranganath B.B, On the **North by:** Common Passage, On the **South by:** Plot No.A1 & B1, Municipal No.45/47 & 45/46. 1) Family tree of late K.N. Mallanna, 2) final order and case paper in OS no. 11774/1966, 3) full set and clear copy of civil appeal nos. 6 & 7/1986, 4)construction permission letter issued by BBMP, Our Client states that the above mentioned documents has been lost / misplaced and our client has also lodged a police complaint in this regard. The general public are hereby notified to return the documents to the undersigned if found. The general public are hereby notified not to deal with the schedule property without the express consent of our client.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
All that piece and parcel of the property property bearing Municipal No.45/48, having PID No.22-35-45/48, situated at Gubbanna Layout (formerly called Plot No.A2, part of Sy.No.257 of Kempapura Agrahara Village), 9th Cross, Gubbanna layout (Industrial Estate), 6th Block, Rajajinagara, Bengaluru 560010, comes within the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.22, Sriram Mandira Ward (morefully described in the schedule below and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Property") Measuring East to West on the Northern Side:30 feet, Measuring East to West on the Southern Side: 34.2 feet, Measuring North to South on the Eastern Side:68.7 feet, Measuring North to South on the Western Side:63 feet, In all measuring 2323 square feet and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** property belonging to Nageshwara Rao K, On the **West by:** property belonging to Ranganath B.B, On the **North by:** Common Passage, On the **South by:** Plot No.A1 & B1, Municipal No.45/47 & 45/46.
**Bhargavi Dev K** - Advocate, **M/s EQUITAS LEGAL,**
No.76, 8th Cross, 1st Main, Lower Palace Orchards, Bangalore – 560 003
Ph: 080-23466529

**PUBLIC NOTICE**
NOTICE is hereby given to the public that we are investigating the right, title, interest, benefits, entitlements of whatsoever nature of the respective Owners of lands situated at Kanegowdanahalli Village and Gangadharapalya Village Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, which are more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written and hereinafter collectively referred to as "**Schedule Property**". Further, KNS Vintage Infra Pvt Ltd have represented that they are the Joint Development Agreement Holders for Part 2, 3 and 4 lands. ALL persons including an individual, a Hindu Undivided Family, a company, banks, financial institution(s), non- banking financial institution(s), a firm, an association of persons or a body of individuals whether incorporated or not, lenders and/or creditors having any objection, claim, right, title and/or interest in respect of Schedule Property or any part or portion thereof by way of sale, memorandum of understanding, exchange, mortgage, pledge, charge, gift, trust, inheritance, bequest, succession, family arrangement, grant, possession, lease, sub-lease tenancy, sub-tenancy, maintenance easement, license, bequeath, share, assignment, lien, attachment, development rights, covenant, settlement right of way, lis pendens, reservation, agreement, FSI consumption, development rights, order/decree/judgement of court or any liability or commitment or otherwise or demand of any nature whatsoever are hereby requested to inform the same in writing, supported with the original documents, to the undersigned having their office at 6/12, Gurappa Avenue, Primrose Road Bengaluru 560 025 within a period of 07 (Seven) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, the claim or claims, if any, of such person or persons shall be considered to have been waived and/or abandoned for all intents and purposes.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

| Part 1 Lands owned by KNS Spaces LLP Gangadharnapalya Village | | | | 41. | 67/2 | - | 28 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sl No | Sy No | Acre/s | Gunta/s | 42. | 68/2 | - | 16 |
| 1. | 1/4 | 2 | 06 | 43. | 69/2A | 1 | 16 |
| Kanegowdanahalli Village | | | | 44. | 69/2B2 | - | 08 |
| 2. | 57/3 | 1 | 0 | 45. | 69/2B3 | - | 31 |
| 3. | 68/1 | 2 | 05 | 46. | 69/3 | - | 19 |
| 4. | 77/1 | - | 04 1/2 | 47. | 69/4 | - | 19 |
| 5. | 77/2 | - | 04 1/2 | 48. | 69/5 | - | 38 |
| 6. | 77/3 | - | 04 1/2 | 49. | 69/7 | 1 | 10 |
| 7. | 77/4 | - | 04 1/2 | 50. | 69/8 | - | 34 |
| 8. | 77/5 | - | 04 1/2 | 51. | 71/3 | - | 2 |
| 9. | 77/6 | - | 04 1/2 | 52. | 71/11 | - | 7 |
| 10. | 78/1 | 1 | 38 | 53. | 71/12 | - | 7 |
| 11. | 79/1 | - | 24 | 54. | 71/15 | - | 10 |
| 12. | 81/1 | - | 14 | 55. | 71/16 | - | 7 |
| 13. | 82/1 | - | 13 | 56. | 71/17 | - | 20 |
| 14. | 85/3 | - | 15 | 57. | 71/18 | - | 20 |
| 15. | 85/4 | - | 17 | 58. | 72 | - | 9 |
| 16. | 86/1 | - | 8 | 59. | 78/2 | - | 13 |
| Part- 2 Lands owned by Mr. C. P. Sunil Kumar Gangadharapalya Village | | | | 60. | 78/3 | - | 13 |
| 17. | 1/1A | 2 | 37 | 61. | 79/2 | - | 10 |
| 18. | 1/11 (Old No 1/3) | 3 | 0 | 62. | 79/3 | - | 11 |
| 19. | 19/1 | 3 | 13 | 63. | 79/4 | - | 07 |
| Kanegowdanahalli Village | | | | 64. | 79/5 | - | 07 |
| 20. | 54/1 | - | 34 | 65. | 80/1 | - | 21 |
| 21. | 54/2A | - | 17 | 66. | 80/2 | - | 23 |
| 22. | 56/1 | - | 10 | 67. | 80/3 | - | 30 |
| 23. | 56/2 | - | 05 | 68. | 81/4 | - | 26 |
| 24. | 56/5 | - | 26 | 69 | 82/2 | - | 12 |
| 25. | 57/5 | 1 | 0 | 70. | 82/3 | - | 12 |
| 26. | 57/6 | 1 | 0 | 71. | 82/4 | - | 11 |
| 27. | 65/1 | - | 3 1/2 | 72. | 83/2 | - | 15 |
| 28. | 65/2 | - | 5 | 73. | 84/1 | - | 22 |
| 29. | 65/3 | - | 3 1/2 | 74. | 84/2 | - | 10 |
| 30. | 65/4 | - | 10 | 75. | 86/2 | - | 17 |
| 31. | 65/5 | - | 10 | 76. | 86/3 | - | 08 |
| 32. | 65/6 | - | 10 | 77. | 87/1 | - | 20 |
| 33. | 65/7 | - | 10 | 78. | 87/2 | 1 | 14 |
| 34. | 65/8 | - | 10 | 79. | 87/3 | - | 20 |
| 35. | 65/9 | - | 10 | Part-3 Lands owned by Ms. Pooja Mehta Kanegowdanahalli Village | | | |
| 36. | 65/10 | - | 10 | 80. | 56/3 | - | 24 |
| 37. | 65/11 | - | 10 | 81. | 64/1 to 64/8 | 1 | 21 |
| 38. | 66/1 | 2 | 13 | Part-4 Lands owned by Mr. Bimal Kumar Jain Kanegowdanahalli Village | | | |
| 39. | 66/2 | - | 25 | 82. | 69/1 | 1 | 12 |
| 40. | 67/1 | - | 27 | 83. | 69/6 | - | 6 |

The Schedule Property is commonly bounded on the:-
**East by:** Land bearing Survey Nos. 54/2B, 55, 47, 57/1, 58, 63 of Kanegowdanahalli Village & Land bearing Survey Nos. 1/7, 1/3 & 1/2 of Gangadharanapalaya Village;
**West by:** Land bearing Survey Nos. 89, 88, 74, 76, 71, 70 of Kanegowdanahalli Village & Land bearing Survey Nos. 1/7, 15 & 19/2 of Gangadharanapalaya Village;
**North by:** Land bearing Survey Nos. 53, 55, 76, 75, 128, 73, 97 & 71 of Kanegowdanahalli Village & Land bearing Survey No. 19/2 of Gangadharanapalaya Village; and
**South by:** Land bearing Survey Nos. 57, 58, 63 & 71 of Kanegowdanahalli Village & Land bearing Survey Nos. 1/5, 1/7, 1/3. 1/2, 1/1B & 17 of Gangadharanapalaya Village.
**Place** : Bengaluru
**Date** : 30.04.2025
**Mr. S T Prashantha Kumar,** Senior Partner
**Mr. B.C. Keerthi Kishore,** Practice Head
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### SC directs govt, RBI to make digital KYC accessible to disabled

Justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan passed 20 directions for making the digital KYC process accessible for the disabled and acid attack victims. The verdict came on two pleas including one filed by acid attack survivors suffering from facial disfigurement and severe eye burns aside from a person with 100% blindness. The SC directed RBI to issue guidelines to incorporate alternative modes for capturing the 'liveness' of customers for e-KYC.

# Centre to embed caste enumeration in census

**MUKESH RANJAN** @ New Delhi

WITH the Bihar assembly elections due in months, the Centre pulled off a surprise on Wednesday by announcing its decision to include caste enumeration in the much delayed census exercise. By doing so, it sought to appropriate an important Opposition plank. Caste census was a major election issue of the Opposition in the run up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The decision on the caste census was taken at a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. While census is under the purview of the Centre, a few states have done caste surveys "non-transparently", which created doubts in the society, Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting Ashwini Vaishnaw alleged.

Vaishnaw was alluding to caste surveys in Congress-ruled Telangana and Karnataka, not Bihar, which was the first off the blocks. The decadal census exercise was to commence in April 2020 but got delayed due to the Covid pandemic. Vaishnaw's announcement was also an oblique reaffirmation that preparations for the census exercise rollout were on track.

The minister attacked the Congress for "opposing" the caste census in the past, claiming that former PM Manmohan Singh had said in 2010 that "the matter of caste census should be considered in the Cabinet". He added: "A group of ministers was formed to consider it after most political parties recommended the caste census. Despite this, the Congress government decided to conduct only a survey instead of a caste census. That survey is known as Socio Economic and Caste Census." "The government has decided that caste enumeration should be conducted transparently as part of the official Census, rather than through fragmented state-level surveys. This move is aimed at strengthening the social and economic foundations of the country," the minister said.

## RAHUL WELCOMES IT, SEEKS CLARITY ON THE TIMELINE

**PREETHA NAIR** @ New Delhi

LEADER of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday welcomed the government's "sudden" decision to include caste enumeration in the forthcoming census after "11 years of opposing it" but demanded clarity on when the exercise would be conducted.

His comments came hours after the Centre announced that caste enumeration would be included in the forthcoming census exercise in a "transparent" manner.Calling the caste census a new paradigm of development, he said, "It was our vision, we are glad they have adopted it."

Addressing a press conference here, Rahul said, "We support the government's decision completely but we want a timeline. We want to know by when it will be done." Reiterating the demand for removing the 50% cap on reservations, the Congress leader said funds should be allocated for the caste census. "We want people's census, not bureaucrats' census," he added. "This is the first step and Telangana has become a model in caste census and it can become a blueprint." Echoing him, the Telangana Congress said its Social, Economic Caste Survey found that 56.32% of the population belongs to the Backward Castes. Based on the report, the Telangana government proposed 42% reservation for OBCs in education, work and political positions in the state.

Rahul said, "We offer our support to the government in designing the Caste Census. There are two examples — Bihar's and Telangana's and there is a vast difference between the two."

# India closes airspace to Pak airlines

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @ New Delhi

AMID escalating tensions with Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, India on Wednesday banned Pakistan airlines from using its airspace. This will force Pakistani airlines to reroute flights, increasing their operational costs considerably. "Indian airspace not available to Pakistan registered aircraft and aircraft operated or leased by Pakistan airlines. These include military flights," read the NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) issued by India.

The development comes a week after Pakistan barred Indian carriers from using its airspace. Earlier in the day, the Centre announced the revamp of the National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) by appointing six new members and picking ex-RAW chief Alok Joshi as the board's chairman.

Security personnel at the Attari-Wagah border checkpost near Amritsar | PTI

Former Western Air Commander Air Marshal P M Sinha, ex-Southern Army Commander Lieutenant General A K Singh, Rear Admiral Monty Khanna (retd), ex-IPS officers Rajiv Ranjan Verma and Manmohan Singh, and ex-diplomat B Venkatesh Varma are the new NSAB members.

NSAB is a 14-member apex body that provides expert and strategic input to the government on matters concerning national security.

According to sources, the first meeting of the revamped NSAB will take place on Thursday, focusing on pressing national issues, including the prevailing tension between India and Pakistan. Alok Joshi, the new NSAB chairman, is widely regarded as one of the country's most re- spected IPS officers. Throughout his tenure in RAW and other postings, he held various key assignments and is considered an expert in intelligence-led operations.

### SAUDI, QATAR CALL FOR DIALOGUE

Saudi Arabia and Qatar on Wednesday urged India and Pakistan to de-escalate tensions and pursue diplomatic solutions to the disputes. In separate statements, the Saudi and Qatar called for restraint and constructive dialogue

TERROR in KASHMIR

## ₹1,000 cr to rehabilitate 7,483 manual scavengers

**RISHITA KHANNA** @ Bengaluru

THE Social Welfare Department is expected to soon roll out a Rs 1,000-crore one-time rehabilitation project to provide "housing and dignified livelihood" to each of the state's 7,483 identified manual scavengers -- marking one of the largest state-led efforts to end the practice.

Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa told TNIE that the state government aims at permanent rehabilitation of all identified manual scavengers by providing them houses, sustainable employment opportunities, and access to social protection schemes. "The project is in its early stages of formulation, and we are holding consultations to understand the best way forward," the minister said.

"Our goal is to help manual scavengers lead a dignified life. We don't want to implement this in phases where some have to wait. We want to provide every individual a house at once," the minister added.

Sources in the department revealed that the government wants to complete the project by November 26, 2026, to mark Constitution Day.

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## Filing of I-T returns made easier for salaried taxpayers

**DIPAK MONDAL** @ New Delhi

GOOD news for salaried taxpayers! The government has made tax filing easier for those earning up to ₹1.25 lakh through long-term capital gains from equities or equity mutual funds. Earlier, salaried individuals with income from capital gains were required to file Form ITR-2 even where the capital gains were non-taxable. From this year, the new Form ITR-1 has a small section for reporting long-term capital gains on which tax is not payable.

Currently, ITR 1 is filed by individuals with income up to ₹50 lakh from salary, one house property, interest and agriculture income. However, if they made capital gains in a particular year, they had to file ITR-2. To ease the compliance burden, the tax department exempted salaried individuals with long-term capital gains up to ₹1.25 lakh annually from filing ITR 2 form.

It must be noted that the government enhanced the threshold for tax-free long-term capital gains from ₹1 lakh to ₹1.25 lakh in the Budget this year. However, the tax rate on long-term capital gains has been increased from 10% to 12.5%.

"This change streamlines the tax filing process, making it more accessible and less burdensome for small investors and salaried individuals, encouraging timely compliance," says Sandeep Sehgal, partner, tax, AKM Global.


**Department of Labour**
Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board

# Greetings of "International Workers Day"

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

## Major schemes and programs
### implemented by the Labour Department for the welfare of workers in the last two years

**Commissionerate of Labour**
- To ensure gratuity for employees, the Karnataka Compulsory Gratuity Insurance Rules 2024 are being put into effect.
- There has been a revision to the minimum wage for employees in a number of scheduled industries. A total of 1.7 crore organized and unorganized workers throughout the state will receive a revised wage.
- To safeguard the interests of employees, a notification has been issued and the Karnataka Shops and Commercial Establishments Act-1961 has been extended to all regions of the state.

**Karnataka State Labour Institute, Bengaluru**
- The main objective of this Institute is to provide training to the officers, staff, employees of the Labour Department, various types of industries and factories, so that the Labour Department can function in an effective manner. A total of 1572 personnel have been trained over the period of last two years and 154 different training programs have been organized by the Institute.

On behalf of the government, I would like to thank you for your hard work, dedication, and the role you have played in the development of the country.
||SHRAMA MEVA JAYATHE||
- Santhosh S Lad, Hon'ble Minister for Labour

To cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national struggle for freedom - is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country

**Karnataka Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board**
- Various welfare and social security facilities have been provided to 36.29 lakh beneficiaries at a cost of Rs. 2078.91 crore.
- The Board has organized preventive health check-up camps, and 11.38 lakh workers have been benefited from the scheme.
- In the interest of the health of registered construction workers, the Board has launched 100 new Mobile Health Unit vehicles across the state.
- 6.12 lakh construction workers have been registered as beneficiaries during this period.
- Rs. 2370 crore cess has been collected from building and other construction works.
- 43 Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Karmika Seva Kendras are being setup.

**Karnataka State Unorganized Workers Social Security Board**
- The Karnataka Motor Transport and Other Allied Workers Social Security and Welfare Development Act, 2024 has been implemented to provide social security benefits to motor transport and other allied workers.
- The Karnataka State Gig Workers Insurance Scheme has been implemented to provide insurance benefits of Rs. 4.00 lakhs including life insurance, accident insurance and reimbursement of hospital expenses to gig workers in the e-commerce sector.
- The Karnataka Cine and Cultural Activists (Welfare) Act, 2024, is being implemented.
- Karnataka State Daily News Paper Delivery Workers Accident benefit & Health benefit Scheme, has been framed to provide accident compensation and medical facility to daily newspaper distribution workers
- Ashadeepa Scheme, which provides employment opportunities to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in private sectors, is being revised and implemented.

**Karnataka Labour Welfare Board**
- Education benefit of Rs. 5103.04 lakhs is distributed to the children of 56,183 beneficiaries.
- Medical assistance of Rs. 1.55 lakhs is provided to 10 beneficiaries.
- 808 beneficiaries received a total of Rs. 80.80 lakhs in aid for the funeral of deceased workers.
- Rs.140.80 lakhs is provided as financial assistance to 1408 female beneficiaries under maternity allowance facility.
- At a total cost of Rs. 21.5 crores, community halls have been constructed for the benefit of labourers in Bellary, Naragund in Gadag district, Rattihalli in Haveri district, and Bhadravati in Shivamogga district.

**Department of Factories, Boilers Industrial Safety and Health**
- Implementation of reforms under Ease of Doing Business.
  1. Flexibility in daily working hours without changing the ceiling of 48 hours per week.
  2. Overtime work is allowed up to 144 hours in a period of 3 months.
  3. Women workers are allowed to work in all three shifts and over time.
- To create awareness on safety, health and accident prevention, 212 training programmes and 21 seminars have been conducted.
- The Department has conducted 21,737 inspections and initiated legal proceedings in 309 cases.

**Directorate of Workers' State Insurance Scheme Medical Services (ESIS)**
- Medical services are being provided to 37 lakh insured persons and 1.88 crore dependents of insured persons across the state through 07 ESI hospitals, 02 diagnostic centres and 125 ESI clinics in the state.
- New ESI clinics have been opened at Chincholi, Arsikere, Ganjimata and Padubidri.
- In the budget for 2024-25, ESI schemes have been formulated to implement super specialty services, digital diagnostic kiosks, mobile health units, comprehensive health check-ups at a total cost of Rs. 311 crores.

Sri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Chief Minister and
Sri Santhosh S Lad, Hon'ble Minister for Labour and Board President participate in departmental programme

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AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge had written to PM Modi two years ago, demanding a caste census. "...regular decennial census was to be carried out in 2021 but it has not yet been done. We demand that it be done soon, and a comprehensive Caste Census be made its integral part," he had advised

# WITH NATIONAL CASTE CENSUS ANNOUNCED, CM MAY CHANGE TACTICS ON STATE REPORT

## Instead of discussing populations of communities, focus will be on their status

**DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI** @ Bengaluru

THE Union Government's announcement on Wednesday that caste census will be included in the forthcoming national census is likely to strengthen the argument of Veerashaiva Lingayats and Vokkaligas demanding the state government to withdraw the the 'contentious' Socio Economic and Educational Survey (SES-2015), popularly known as caste census.

The two dominant communities have termed the census 'unscientific' and demanded a fresh survey to determine populations of communities. They have argued that the state's caste census is decade old and obsolete.

For the national caste census, the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) is likely to take up the task as caste is included in the national census, experts said. It is to be seen whether NCBC commissions the census to the state backward classes commission, they added. In the changed scenario, the Siddaramaiah cabinet may keep aside caste-wise population figures and debate on the data on the status of communities.

A special cabinet meeting was scheduled for May 2 to discuss the caste census, but the meeting has been postponed indefinitely. The April 17 special cabinet meeting, called specifically to discuss caste census, remained inconclusive as ministers refused to accept the report. Siddaramaiah then asked them to go through specific data on the status of communities, sources said.

Out of 41 volumes, data nine throws light on the status of communities including the political aspect of communities. Siddaramaiah asked officials to furnish exhaustive data on it to ministers. "More than the population of communities which became a contentious issue, the debate on the status of communities is more important," a Siddaramaiah sympathiser said.

This will help the CM defend the commission's recommendation to increase the quota for Veerashaiva Lingayats from 4 to 8% under 3B category and 3 to 7% for Vokkaligas under 3A. State's backward classes commissions in the past had recommended taking away quota from the socially and educationally forward communities in the state. The Article 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution allows states to make special provisions for the advancement of socially and educationally backward classes

Political scientist Prof Sandeep Shastri recalled that the Havanuru commission had recommended taking away the reservation for Veerashaiva-Lingayats and Vokkaligas, whereas the Venkatswamy commission had recommended taking away the Veerashaiva-Lingayat quota. After 1956, these two communities constituted a majority of MLAs in all assemblies, he pointed out.

"Caste is an important political identity in modern India and it may not have anything to do with the traditional ritual and hierarchy it represents. Though of course, there are forms of injustice still continued, but today in politics caste is an important identity which everyone uses for their advantage and for their group consolidations, as a result caste has become an identity and it's important for caste leaders to emphasise on how large and significant their caste group is. Caste group leaders would like to emphasise the strength and importance of their group and their strategic relevance," he analysed.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah pays tributes to Basavanna on Basava Jayanti in Bengaluru on Wednesday

*We didn't just conduct a caste census. We also gathered data on social, economic, and educational status of communities. Based on this, we have taken steps to revise and expand current quota policy*

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

*A historic and visionary decision under the dynamic leadership of PM Modi, caste enumeration will now be part of the national census for the first time since 1931*

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy

## Conduct social, economic, edu survey alongside caste census: Siddu to Centre

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah welcomed the Union Government's decision to conduct a caste census along with the national population census. He urged the Centre to also carry out social, economic, and educational survey alongside the caste census. "In Karnataka, we didn't just conduct a caste census - we also gathered data on the social, economic, and educational status of communities. Based on this data, we have taken steps to revise and expand the current reservation policy. I hope the Union Government will now follow through with this process as well," the CM said on Wednesday.

Stating that the Social, Economic, and Educational Survey conducted in Karnataka is complete, the CM said that the State Government has already taken steps to revise the reservation policy and raise the 50% cap based on this data. "I urge Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reprimand BJP's Karnataka leaders and advise them not to obstruct this effort," Siddaramaiah said.

The CM termed the Karnataka model as robust and said that the state is fully prepared to extend any guidance or support the Centre may need.

He said the main purpose of a caste-based socio-economic-educational survey is to enable the formulation of a scientific and data-driven reservation policy. The Centre must take note that the Supreme Court has repeatedly stressed the need for such a survey during reservation-related hearings, he added.

Siddaramaiah said when he was Deputy CM in the Dharam Singh Government, they had set up the Permanent Backward Classes Commission and decided to conduct a Caste Census along with a socio-economic-educational survey. "Due to various reasons, that decision was not implemented. It took my return as Chief Minister to finally bring it to life," he said. The CM congratulated Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who according to him has championed the Caste Census and the expansion of reservation limits. He not only supported these demands but made them a central part of Congress' national agenda and campaign, the CM said.

"Even if Prime Minister Narendra Modi doesn't acknowledge it, the country knows that it was Rahul Gandhi's relentless pressure that forced the Centre to agree to a Caste Census," the CM added.

## Speaking in favour of Pak amounts to treason, says CM

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said case has been registered against 15 persons for lynching a man who allegedly raised pro-Pakistan slogans in Mangaluru.

Speaking to media persons in Bengaluru, the CM said the investigation into the case is underway, and appropriate action will be taken after the report is received. "Anyone speaking in favour of Pakistan is wrong and it amounts to treason," the CM said.

Meanwhile, Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara said that the State Government has taken the lynching case seriously and about 20 persons have been arrested. During the interrogation, the accused told the police that they had assaulted the person for raising pro-Pakistan slogans. "It (claims of the victim raising pro-Pakistan slogan) was an expression made by those people who were involved in the lynching," he said. However, that still needs to be confirmed and further investigation is on, he said.

A man from Kerala was allegedly lynched by a mob during a cricket match in Mangaluru on Sunday. The Home Minister said many people were playing cricket during that time and the police are talking to them to gather more information. If there was a police failure that would also come out after the investigation, he said while responding to a question.

**If the Pakistan Zindabad slogan was shouted, it is wrong, whoever it is. Inquiry is still going on, a case has been registered, let the report come. It will be clear as to what action should be taken against whom**

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah

## Call special Parl session to discuss Pahalgam: Kharge

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

AICC president and Opposition leader in Rajya Sabha **Mallikarjun Kharge** here on Wednesday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to convene a special session of Parliament to discuss the Pahalgam terror attack, and stressed that it is necessary to take a decision that will not harm soldiers and people of the country. "We have supported the Prime Minister to keep Pakistan under control and in no way should soldiers or people of India be harmed," he told reporters.

"Aligning with the feelings of the country's people, all parties have already authorised the PM to launch an operation against Pakistan. Let him make use of it and do his job. A well thought out step should be taken as soon as possible to protect the country," he said. "All parties have advised Modi to convene a special parliamentary session. Whatever steps he has taken, he should tell the people except some parts that are top secret. It would be good for Modi to call the floor leaders and talk about it," he suggested.

On Congress posting a headless photo of Modi on 'X' and stating that the Prime Minister is missing, Kharge said he did not know that issue. "No one should do anything to harm the honour of any person, be it the Prime Minister or any leader. It is not right to do this, whether it is them (BJP) or us (Congress)," he said. On instructions given to party leaders not to make controversial statements about the Pahalgam attack, he said a circular has been issued by AICC. "We held a CWC meeting in Delhi where we decided to support the Centre. Everyone should follow that decision," he said.

## Arrest former BJP corporator's husband: SDPI

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Mangaluru

THE Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI) demanded that the husband of a former BJP corporator be arrested in connection with the lynching of a youth in Kudupu in Mangaluru.

"Former BJP corporator Sangeetha Naik's husband Ravindra Naik is involved. He must be arrested. Is there an RSS-Congress coalition government in Karnataka? Mangaluru Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal has termed the lynching a petty issue, while Home Minister G Parameshwara says the man was murdered for raising pro-Pakistan slogans. His statement is baseless and needs to be withdrawn... he must resign. He was murdered over his religion. Earlier this month, a Muslim auto driver was murdered and the case was closed after a person was arrested," SDPI leader Jaleel Krishnapura told the media.

Another SDPI leader Riyaz Kadambu alleged that the accused had forced the victim to raise Jai Sri Ram slogans and the incident occurred after being inspired by the Pahalgam attack. "Even if he had raised pro-Pakistan slogans, the accused should not have murdered him... They could have taken strict legal action against him. BJP MLA Bharat Shetty has helped the accused in the case. We condemn the terror attack in Kashmir. There is no difference between this mob lynching and the Pahalgam terror attack," Kadambu said.

## Mob lynching: Reason not clear yet, say police

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Mangaluru

MANGALURU police have not been able to ascertain the reason behind the mob lynching at Kudupu in the city on Sunday, even as rumours are spreading thick and fast and political parties are making allegations and counter-allegations. The incident has led to fear of animosity between communities, especially with parties issuing provocative statements. Mangaluru city police are also under attack from political outfits for their failure to handle the issue, and taking over 48 hours to arrest the culprits.

So far, 20 persons have been arrested, and a search is under way for the remaining accused. Police are awaiting a report on blood samples collected from Ashraf, the victim.

Meanwhile, Congress and SDPI leaders have accused Ravindra Nayak, husband of a former BJP corporator, of provoking the mob to assault **Ashraf** (38) from Malappuram in Kerala. Dakshina Kannada Congress president Harish Kumar told reporters on Wednesday, "Pistol Ravi (Nayak), a BJP representative and husband of a former corporator, incited locals during the cricket match, which led to the murder of an innocent youth. Local police misled higher authorities by registering it as unnatural death. Is there a difference between the terrorists who claimed 26 innocent tourists in Pahalgam, and those who lynched an innocent man in Kudupu?" Kumar demanded suspension of the Mangaluru Rural station police inspector. SDPI demanded the arrest of Ravindra Nayak, who according to police sources, is absconding and has switched off his phones. Mangaluru police are yet to ascertain whether Nayak was directly involved.

According to police sources, one of the main accused, Sachin, claimed that Ashraf, came towards the cricket ground from a nearby railway track and started throwing stones at them and shouting. Sachin claimed they saw the person in the vicinity for the first time, and that he raised 'Pakistan Zindabad!' slogans, so they beat him up.

"Sachin informed others that the person had raised pro-Pakistan slogans, and they also beat him up. He claimed that after being attacked, the victim walked a little further and they assaulted him again. There were many injuries on his body," said a police source.

Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal was not available for comment. Earlier, Ashraf's family arrived in Mangaluru and shifted his body to their native village in Kerala.

Meanwhile, BJP MLA Bharat Shetty alleged that Hindu youth were being framed in the mob lynching case. "Hindu youth are being framed in a false case, there is political pressure on the police. Anti-nationals are getting royal treatment in Congress-ruled states, while patriots are being portrayed as criminals," he alleged.

### *LYNCHING VICTIM BURIED IN KERALA*

Ashraf, 38, who was allegedly lynched by a mob during a cricket match in Mangaluru on Tuesday, was buried at his hometown in Malappuram, Kerala, on Wednesday. Ashraf was buried at the Cholakund Juma Masjid near Kottakkal in the presence of family and friends. Ashraf, who hailed from Wandoor in Malappuram, used to live at Pulpally in Wayanad, where his elder brother, Abdul Hameed, runs a wholesale shop. His younger brother, Muhammed Jabbar, said Ashraf had mental health issues since he was a teenager and had been away from home for years. As to why Ashraf was in Mangaluru, Jabbar said he had gone there to start a business and was engaged in collection and sale of scrap.

## Somanna calls Modi 'modern world's Kayakayogi'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

Several Union ministers and seers pay tributes to Basavanna on Basava Jayanti at Prerana Sthal in Parliament Complex, New Delhi, on Wednesday

THE 894th birth anniversary of 12th century social reformer Basavanna was celebrated for the first time in the Parliament Complex in New Delhi on Wednesday. A 13-ft statue of Basavanna has been installed at the Prerana Sthal.

Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti V Somanna said that Basavanna was a harbinger of a casteless and classless society to the world, who laid the foundation for a healthy society with the principle of *Kayakave Kailasa* (work is worship).

He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla for giving permission to celebrate the 894th birth anniversary of Basavanna on the Parliament premises.

"After about 22 years of the establishment of Basavanna's statue in the Parliament premises, we have got the opportunity to organise such a celebration. This is a great honour given by the government to the people of Karnataka," Somanna said.

"In the 21st century, the 'Kayakayogi' Modi is the pioneer of the development of the modern world as he is working under Basavanna's principle. Modi is taking this country forward with the motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', which aspires to make India a socially, economically and politically strong nation. It cannot be wrong to call Modi the 'Kayakayogi Basavanna' of modern India," he said.

"The social reform by Basavanna had taken shape as a social movement with all levels of ordinary life being part of it which is a testament to 'Sharanas' complete vision. Basavanna had engaged the weapon of education for the upliftment of all sections of society, the exploited class and women", he remarked. Basavanna's vachanas played a very important role in conveying the truths of life to the common people, he added.

"Basavanna's Anubhava Mantapa was a platform for freedom of expression with representation of all sections of society, without gender discrimination and that was the Parliament before us today. Basavanna created the concept of Parliament in India, especially in Karnataka, before the Magna Carta concept of Parliament came into effect in England," he said.

## SIDDU SAYS DEMOCRACY IS TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION, NOT MANN KI BAAT

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bagalkot

IN a veiled attack on the Union Government, which he described as a "dictator-type government", CM Siddaramaiah on Wednesday said that in a democratic set-up, people are also heard. Speaking at an event to mark Basaveshwara Jayanti at Kudalasangama, he said, "In a dictatorship, there is only one-way communication... there is no listening... it is like saying 'Mann Ki Baat'," the CM said, equating the PM's 'Mann Ki Baat' "to a sign of dictatorship where people are not given the chance to raise their voices".

He further said that dictatorship is the opposite of democracy. "Democracy is a two-way communication," the CM said.

He said that the 12th-century social reformer Basaveshwara believed in democracy and not dictatorship. Asserting that the Constitution firmly upholds a democratic system, the Chief Minister said, "The Constitution should never fall into the hands of those who do not believe in equality and the eradication of the caste system."

Stating that Manuvada is detrimental to social equality, he said that while Manuvada promotes inequality and the caste system, vachana literature advocates humanism. To achieve equality, he added, it is vital that every individual has access to a livelihood and that resources are distributed equitably across all sections of society. He said that the sharanas of the 12th century sought to spread this message in simple language, using the local dialect rather than Sanskrit, which was not commonly spoken by the people.

He said that a large statue of Basaveshwara would be built in the state. Siddaramaiah also honoured veteran writer SR Gunjal with the National Basava Award for his contribution to the vachana literature.

CM Siddaramaiah addresses a gathering in Kudalasangama on Wednesday

Despite ongoing tensions with Pakistan following the recent Pahalgam terror attack, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will continue with his scheduled visit two key southern states—Kerala and Andhra Pradesh—on May 2

# TG CM: CONG WILL RULE FOR 10 YEARS, KCR CAN REST AT FARMHOUSE

## Dares ex-CM for open debate on devt, welfare

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy came down heavily on former chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao for his broadside against the ruling Congress at the BRS' silver jubilee celebrations on April 27 in Elakurthy, near Warangal.

Speaking at Mahatma Basaveshwara's birth anniversary event at Ravindra Bharathi here on Wednesday, he asserted that the Congress would govern Telangana for the next one decade, while KCR could "rest" at his farmhouse, where his legacy of ruling Telangana, would be "buried."

Deploring KCR's lack of gratitude to the state government for providing TGSRTC buses for the BRS event, he said that the people would have appreciated it if he had acknowledged the government's good work or raised public issues instead of attacking the ruling party.

He demanded that KCR should explain how he justified his role as the leader of opposition without discharging his duties. "As leader of opposition, he has drawn a salary of ₹65 lakh till now, along with facilities like a house, vehicles and police protection but he does not work. Which law allows this? Why is he sleeping at his farmhouse instead of fulfilling his role?" Revanth Reddy questioned.

Challenging KCR's claim that welfare schemes came to a halt under the Congress rule, the CM listed ongoing initiatives like Rythu Bandhu, Aarogyasri, free electricity, Shaadi Mubarak, Kalyana Lakshmi, free RTC bus facility for women, and job creation for unemployed youth. "Which scheme has been suspended? Don't you see any of this?" he questioned. Revanth Reddy accused KCR of spreading hatred through venomous speeches, asserting that the people were aware of his actions.

He dared KCR to an open debate on development and welfare, on any topic such as Kaleshwaram, free bus travel, loan waiver to farmers, Rythu Bandhu, recruitment to 60,000 government posts, SC sub-categorization, and caste census. "Let KCR choose. I'm ready," he challenged.

He also questioned KCR's audacity to label Congress as "villain No. 1" of Telangana, in spite of the Congress delivering statehood. He accused KCR of looting Telangana for a decade, claiming it was KCR's family, not the state, that lay disturbed after BRS's 2023 election loss.

Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy and Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu share a light moment during an event in Hyderabad on Wednesday | EXPRESS

### Declare biofuel 'white', says K'taka bioenergy board chief

Bengaluru: "Efforts are under way to include environment-friendly biofuel biogas under the 'non-polluting' (white category) classification. Discussions have been held with the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB)," said SE Sudheendra, chairman of the Karnataka State Bioenergy Development Board. He was speaking at a programme organised by the board on the future roadmap of Karnataka's Bioenergy Policy on Wednesday. Industry representatives pointed out that the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has already categorised biogas under the white category, and similar action must be taken at the state level. ENS

# 7 devotees die as wall collapses at AP temple

USHA PERI @ Visakhapatnam

SEVEN devotees lost their lives and several others suffered injuries after a wall collapsed at the Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Simhachalam during the annual Chandanotsavam festival in the early hours of Wednesday. The incident occurred in the ₹300 queue line where devotees had gathered for the 'Nijaroopa Darshan' of the deity.

Officials stated that the wall collapsed due to heavy rainfall that occurred between 2:30 am and 3:30 am. The wall, constructed just 20 days ago, is suspected to has given way due to the downpour. However, the exact cause for the wall collapse is still under investigation. The collapse took place shortly after the temple's hereditary trustee, P Ashok Gajapathi Raju, offered silk robes to the deity as part of the traditional ritual.

NDRF and SDRF personnel search for survivors at Simhachalam Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday | EXPRESS

The deceased have been identified as Kumpatla Manikanta Eswara Sesha Rao (29) and Pathi Durga Prasad Naidu (30), both natives of Korlapativaripalem, Machavaram in Ambajipeta mandal of Konaseema (Dr B R Ambedkar) district and residents of Visakhapatnam; Yedla Venkata Rao (58) from Mamidithota area in Visakhapatnam; Pilla Mahesh (30) and his wife Pilla Sailaja (27) of Chandrampalem in Madhurawada; Sailaja's aunt Gujjari Mahalakshmi (65), a resident of HB Colony; and Sailaja's mother Pyla Venkata Ratnam (45), also from Visakhapatnam.

Rescue teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), fire services, and police were deployed immediately.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu expressed deep sorrow over the incident and held a teleconference with ministers Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, Dola Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy, Vangalapudi Anitha, Anagani Satya Prasad, MP Bharat, and temple trustee Ashok Gajapathi Raju. He directed officials to provide the best possible medical care to the injured and announced the formation of a three-member committee to conduct a detailed inquiry into the incident.

The CM also declared an ex gratia of ₹25 lakh to the families of the each deceased and ₹3 lakh each to the injured.

# THIS SOLDIERS' VILLAGE WANTS PM MODI TO TEACH PAK A LESSON

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

PEOPLE of Hatalageri, also known as soldiers' village, have appealed to the Union government to teach a lesson to Pakistan in the wake of the recent terror attack at Pahalgam in Kashmir. There are over 200 youngsters from Hatalageri in the armed forces. Parents of these soldiers and others in the village say that they are ready to send more youth to the armed forces in case of an emergency.

Elders from the village held a meeting on Sunday and decided to write to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to take decisive action against Pakistan and put an end to terrorrism in the country. "We will support any decisive action initiated by the PM against Pakistan," they said.

Hatalageri village near Gadag | EXPRESS

Hatalageri is 8 km from Gadag town and has a population of 4,000. Most of the youth from the village join the armed forces after their PU or degree courses. For them, joining the armed forces has become a tradition.

Hatalgeri has many retired soldiers and the village celebrates Independence Day and Republic Day in a grand manner. Many from the village, who could not make it to the armed forces for various reasons, are into agriculture and allied activities.

Families such as Bentur, Pujar and Kari have their sons and daughters in the armed forces. Satyappa Pujar and Maruti Bentur, parents of soldiers from Hatalageri, said, "We have told our sons to fight for the country without any fear if they get an opportunity. The country has lost many soldiers and civilians because of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. Now, we want our PM to teach a lesson to Pakistan."

# 3 plans for manual scavengers

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TITLE deeds of houses are expected to be handed over to the beneficiaries on that day in the presence of a senior Congress leader from New Delhi.

A senior official said that the department has started talks with the Housing Department and has three plans. "The first plan is for families of manual scavengers who already own sites, where houses will be constructed. The second is for those without sites. The department is planning a group housing scheme in rural areas, where land will be identified and houses built for groups of four to five families. Under the third plan, group housing in urban areas will be provided. The department is looking for land near Metro stations or other accessible locations for the purpose. All three plans are being discussed. Since the cost of building houses will vary for each model, a survey will be conducted to assess the number of families and estimate the cost," he said.

| MANUAL SCAVENGERS | |
|---|---|
| BBMP limits | 1,625 |
| Mysuru | 1,381 |
| Kolar | 1,224 |
| Mandya | 848 |
| Koppal, Chikkamagaluru, Bidar | 2 |
| Udupi | 3 |

Of the 7,483 manual scavengers, 1,625 are in BBMP limits, followed by Mysuru with 1,381 and Kolar 1,224. In contrast, Vijayapura and Bagalkot have zero manual scavengers.


**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the Land bearing Survey No.127 measuring 2 acres (without any kharab land), situated at Nalluru Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk (more fully described in the schedule below and hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property")** from its absolute owner, Mr. Shanthakumar.

Any person/s, entity, firm, banks, institution (corporate or otherwise) having any claim/s including any right, title, interest, charge, pending litigation or demand of any nature in or upon the Schedule Property or any part thereof, should bring the same to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details of the right, title, interest, claim, pending litigation or demand made, together with supporting documents within **7 (seven) days** from the date of this notice, failing which such claim shall be considered to have been unconditionally waived and/or given up and our client shall be entitled to complete any transaction in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Objections and/or claims received after the expiry of the period stipulated above shall not be binding on our client.

**Schedule Property**

All that piece and parcel of land bearing Survey No.127 measuring 2 acres situated at Nallur Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| East By | : | Property in Sy. No. 128/1, |
| West By | : | Channahalli Village Border, |
| North By | : | Property in Sy. No.131, |
| South By | : | Water Channel. |

**Mr. Arjun Perikal,** Advocate,
**Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas, 2nd Floor, Prestige Sterling Square, State Bank of India Road, Bangalore - 560001.**

**IN THE COURT OF THE IIIrd ADDL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE BENGALURU RURAL AT: BENGALURU**
**G.& W.C. No. 33/2025**

**BETWEEN:**
**1.Sri Shishir Abhinandan,**
S/o Shyama Prasad, aged about 42 years.
**2. Siya Abhinandhan,**
D/o Shishir Abhinandan, aged about 12 years.
Since petitioner is minor Represented by her father **Sri. Shishir Abhinandan,** S/o Shyama Prasad, aged about 42 years. Both are residing at No. 71/1, EMILIA-4, Vatica City, Sohana Road, Sector-4, Gurgoan,South City, Gurgoan, Hariyana-122 018. **...Petitioners**
**And: NIL ...Respondent**
**Public Notice/ Notice of Appearance**
WHEREAS, the Petitioners above named have filed the above petition under section 29, 31 read with section 8 of Guardian and Wards Act 1890 seeking permission for appointment of Sri. Shishir Abhinandan the father of minor petitioner to be appointed as the guardian and also permission to sell the schedule property belongs to minor petitioner share.
Interested parties are hereby called to appear in the Court of III Addl. Senior Civil Judge Bengaluru Rural at Bengaluru in person or by pleader duly instructed on **06.06.2025 at 11 am** information to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and consider respondents are Nil.
**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**
**(Description of the Apartment)**
All that Residential Apartment bearing No. B-0823 in Second Floor of Block-08 in sector 5 "Beech' of Brigade Meadows' BUILT IN SCHEDULE A property presently bearing E-Swathu No. 150200300100321676 and admeasuring 789 Sq. feet of buildup area and 161 Sq. feet., of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of Common use and totally measuring 950 Sq. Feet of super built up area approximately, with right to use One Open Car Parking Space in the Surface Level and along with undivided Share of 370 Sq. ft. and the apartment is bounded by:
East: Open towards Open Space in Block-08 in Sector 5 'Beech' in "Brigade Meadows'; West: Open towards Open Space in Block-08 in Sector 5 'Beech' in Brigade Meadows'; North: Apartment No. B-0824 in Second Floor in Block-08 in Sector 5 'Beech' in Brigade Meadows'; South: Apartment No. B-0724 in Second Floor in Block-07 in Sector 5 'Beech' in Brigade Meadows';
The Construction is of RCC frame structure using aluminum framework with RCC Roofing and Vetrified/ Ceramic Flooring and it has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The door frames are or hard wood and windows are aluminum glazed with MS Grills.
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 22nd April 2025. **By Order of the Court**
***Sd/-* Chief Ministerial Officer**
**Senior Civil Judge Court,**
**Bengaluru Rural Dist,** Bengaluru
**Advocate for Petitioners:**
**Malatesh S.R, Advocate**
No.163, Second Floor, 1st Main Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560 020.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client intends to purchase Property fully described in Schedule given hereunder, from **Mr. DEEPAK KUMAR** formerly known as **DEEPESH KUMAR,** aged about 39 years, S/o. Mr.Durgaramji alias Durgaram Lalaji, permanent resident of No.65, Takshila Habitat, Sardar Patel Ring Road, Panjara Pole, NR ECO Park, Vastral, Ahmedabad, Gujarat-382418 and now residing at No.2/23A, 3rd Floor, Shree Market Complex, T. P. Lane, SP Road, Bangalore - 560002.
If any person has any claim or any objections in the matter of the sale of the schedule property, may contact the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims over the said property.
**SCHEDULE**
All that part and parcel of Property bearing BBMP Khatha No.5/50, situated at Kathriguppe Sy.No.109, Banashankari 3rd Stage Revenue, BBMP Ward No.54, New Ward No, 162, PID No.54-315-5/50, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 ft. and North to South 25 ft. totally measuring 1000 Sq.ft. together with residential building consisting 8 squares Ground Floor and 8 squares in First Floor Duplex house total built up area 1600 sq. ft. constructed area, and bounded on the:
East by : Property bearing No.5A
West by: 25 feet Road
North by: Property bearing No.4
South by: Southern portion of old Site No.5
**Bangalore, Date: 01.05.2025**
**JEROME D'SOUZA, ADVOCATE**
No. 5, 3rd Floor, "A" Block
St. Patrick's Complex, Brigade Road
Bangalore - 560025. Ph: 9845569021.

**BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE**
BSNL Building 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore–560 001.
**O. A. No.1012 OF 2024**
**Between: Canara Bank,** (Erstwhile Syndicate Bank), Koramangala J Block Branch, Bangalore - 560 034 **...Applicant**
**And**
**M/s. Sri Venkata Sai Hotels And Others ...Defendants**
**SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993**
**To:**
**Def: 2. Mr. Gowtham Kanumuri,** S/o. Sri K. V. Kanumuri, Aged about 42 yeras, Partner M/s. Sri Venkata Sai Hotels, R/a. Flat No. 203, Purva Riviera, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037.
**Def: 3. Mr. Anutham,** S/o. Sri K. C. Kanumuri, Aged about 39 years, Partner, M/s. Sri Venkata Sai Hotels, R/a. Flat No. 10, Rd No. 12F, New Maruthinagar, Kothapet Hyderabad - 560 060.
**Whereas**, the above named Applicant has instituted an Application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant for recovery of a sum of **Rs.27,54,857/-**along with interest at 9.00 % p.a. from the date of application till date of recovery. You are required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **16.06.2025 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **04th day of April 2025 at Bangalore.** Sd/- Registrar(I/c)
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II, Bangalore- 560 001

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**
**CHENNAI DIVISION**
**Tender No. M-TRD-29-I-OT-2025-26-03, Dated: 29.04.2025**
For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager / Traction Distribution Branch, Chennai Division, Southern Railway, Chennai - 3, invites online tender from the experienced Contractors for the following works. For further details, please refer to **www.ireps.gov.in**

| Sl. No. | Tender No. / Name of the Work | Value (₹) | Closing Date / Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Tender No. M-TRD-29-I-OT-2025-26-03** | | |
| 1 | Provision of spare bolt with base arrangements on pier of bridges in Chennai Division | ₹ 99,45,445.00/- | 20.05.2025 at 15:00 hrs |

**Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction Distribution / Chennai-3**

**BANK OF INDIA**
**Bengaluru Zone :** # 11, 1st Floor, K. G. Road, Bengaluru-09.**T.:** 080-2295 9407 / 08
**E.:** bengaluru.ARD@bankofindia.co.in
**CORRIGENDUM**
Refer to our E-Auction Sale Notice Advertisement of **Mr. Uday Kumar K C of Bettahalasur Branch** published in "**The New Indian Express and Udayakala**" on **24.04 .2025** that the said auction scheduled on **25.05.2025** changed to **27.05.2025**.
All other terms and conditions will remain the same.
**Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
**Date : 30/04/2025 Bank Of India**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs.A.Hima Bindu,** has lost the below Original document: 1) Sale Deed bearing Doc.No.4224/11-12, in respect of the Schedule property and reported the same to the Bangalore Police on 30-04-2025. Finder may send to below address. All persons claiming an interest in the said property are hereby required to make the same known to the undersigned Advocate at his office **within 3 days from the date** hereof, failing which and without any reference to such claim, if any, shall be considered.
**SCHEDULE:** Site bearing Site No. 134, formed in Converted Sy. No. 295 of Attibele Village, E-Katha No.15020010260010399 4, Municipal Assessment Katha No. 3938/3784/134, Situated at Ward No. 06, Shakambari Layout, Manchanahalli Road, Attibele Town Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Measuring totally measuring 1200 Sq. feet.
**Prashant Kumar M.B. ADVOCATE**
**'XPERT LEX'-Law Firm,**
**Advocates & Solicitors,** No.1752,
1st Floor, 14th Main, Kumaraswamy Layout,
1st Stage, Bangalore-560111.

**ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (APCRDA)**
**Lenin Center, Governorpet, Vijayawada - 520 002 (A.P.)**
**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

| S.No | NIT No | Name of the Work |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **NIT No. 20/ MAU61-PLG0OTH/ 40/2025-GIS, Dt. 28.04.2025.** | RFP for Selection of Service Provider for Design, Development and Maintenance of Geo Portal and Spatial Decision Support System. |
| 2 | **NIT No.21/MAU61-PLG0OTH/39/ 2025-GIS, Dt. 28.04.2025.** | RFP for Creation of comprehensive data sets related to geo data base, cadastral information, infrastructure, utilities, property details, demographic data & socio-economic indicators along with related attributes; within the Amaravati capital city area spanning into 29 revenue villages with 60 sq kms of habitation & 160 sq kms of open fields on QCBS tendering basis. |
| 3 | **NIT No.22/MAU61-USI0HB(BG)/6/2025-HB, Dt. 23.04.2025.** | Construction of Skill Development Center (PEB Structure) for NAC Training center on the backside of APCRDA Unit Office at Thullur". **ECV: Rs.2,19,66,343.00** |

The bid can be downloaded on AP e-procurement portal from **01.05.2025 to 16.05.2025 up to 14.00 Hrs**. Due date for submission of Bid **16.05.2025 up to 15.00 Hrs,** Technical bid opening **16.05.2025 @16.00 Hrs.** For further details please refer to **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and **www.crda.ap.gov.in**
**Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada.**

**AU SMALL FINANCE BANK LIMITED** (A Scheduled Commercial Bank)
**Regd. Office: 19-A, Dhuleshwar Garden, Ajmer Road, Jaipur-302001 (CIN:L36911RJ1996PLC011381)**
**Demand Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitisation Act of 2002**
NOTICE is hereby given by **AU Small Finance Bank Limited** (Hereinafter referred to as the "the Bank" which expression shall mean and include erstwhile Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited (merged into and with AU Small Finance Bank Ltd., w.e.f. April 01, 2024 pursuant to RBI approval) that the following borrowers have availed loan against property from **Fincare Small Finance Bank Limited** which has now amalgamated with and into AU Small **Finance Bank Ltd.** Therefore, the Bank is fully entitled to demand the amounts advanced under the credit facility and all or any of payments to be made pursuant to this Demand Notice shall be made in the favor of **AU Small Finance Bank Limited.** The borrowers failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan and that their loan account has been classified as Nonperforming Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. The Borrowers have provided security of the immovable property towards the loan, the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrowers to the Bank ason date are also indicated herein below. The borrowers as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrowers under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrowers fails to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice along with further interest and other charges if any, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property described here below.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Borrower/Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor | Date and Amount of Demand Notice Under Sec. 13(2) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | **Loan Account No: 19660000058331** **1) Nasima,** No. 2069, 2nd Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural District, KA-561203, **2) Baba Jan,** No. 2069, 2nd Ward, Rojipura, Doddaballapur Town, Bangalore Rural District, KA-561203. | **13(2) Notice Date: 28-11-2024** **Rs. 1,70,699/-** (Rupees One Lakh Seventy Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Nine Only) **as of 13-11-2024** |
| | **Description of Mortgaged Property:-** All that piece and parcel of immoveable property situated at 4th ward Rojipura 4th Phase Doddaballapur-561203 bearing old Municipal K.No. 5546/5546, Present CMC Katha No. 5546/1 Sl. No. 4299 Measuring East West 13 feet X North South 30 feet. Measuring East to West 13 feet and North to South 30 feet ACC sheet house., and bounded on the: **East by:** Same No. Share allotted to B Schedule Holder, **West by:** Same No. Share allotted to A Schedule Holder, **North by:** Others Property, **South by:** Road. | |

**Place: Bangalore Rural, Date: 01-05-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, AU Small Finance Bank Limited**

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**CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED**
**Corporate Office: "CHOLA CREST", C 54 & 55, Super B-4, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032.**
**Branch Address: Door No. 625, 1st Floor, Old Madras Road, Medahalli, Vironager Post, Near K R Puram, Bangalore – 540049.**
**[Rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE [For Immovable Property]**
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 3 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has **taken Possession** of the properties mortgaged with the Company described herein below of the Columns on the respective dates mentioned in Column [E] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Rules made there under. The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.
Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

| Sl. No. | Name and Address of Borrower & Loan A/c No. | Date of Demand Notice | Outstanding Amount | Date of Possession |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | [B] | | | |
| [A] | | [C] | [D] | [E] |
| 1 | **Loan Account No.: HE01RAK00000031954 & HE01RAK00000056212,** **1. Shanthakumar A** No 891, Bsa Road Cross, A K Colonya K Colony, Fraser Town, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560005., **2. Vijaya Lakshmi Shanth** No 891, A K Colony, Bsa Road Cross Fraser Town Bangalore, Karnataka - 560005., **3.Varun Enterprises** No 891, A K Colony, BSA Road Cross, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560005. | **11-11-2024** | **Rs.37,51,690/-** as on **11-11-2024** and interest thereon | **28-April -2025** |
| | **Description of the Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel of Property bearing BBMP Municipal No.51, PID No.90-48-51, House T.P.NO.891/1, New No.51, Situated at A.K.colony, B.S.A. Road, Devarajeevanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore Now coming under BBMP and **bound on :East by:** Road, **West by:** Site No.15/A, **North by:** Sangothlamm's Property, **South by:** Pushpa Mastri property, **Measuring** East to West 30 feet and North to South 15 feet in all measuring 450 Square feet and along with Building Constructed thereon. Within the registration district of Bangalroe and sub registration office. | | | |

**Date: 01-05-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place: Bangalore M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
भारत सरकार का उपक्रम A Government of India Undertaking
सिंडिकेट Syndicate
**DEMAND NOTICE**
**Branch: Asset Recovery Management Branch - Coimbatore**
**Gujarati Samaj Building, 661-1, Mettupalayam Road, R S Puram, Coimbatore- 641002**
**Tel.No. 0422 2555655, 2549459,2558482 E-mail: cb4712@canarabank.com**
**To, M/s Navitaa Exports**, Leeds International Compound I Floor, SF No 102, Kasipalayam Main Road, Vijayapuram P O, Nallur Village, Tiruppur. **V M Manjunath,** S/o Muni Chowdappa, No 669/D, 27th Main Street , II stage, Near Police Booth, JP Nagar, Mysuru 570 008. **Also at** No 1, Athal Thottam, Bharathi Nagar, Veerapandi PO, Tirupur. **Satheesh Kumar P,** S/o Perumalmoorthy, 12/272, Nehru Street, Avinashi, Tiruppur Dist., 641 650. **Also at** No 1, Athal Thottam, Bharathi Nagar, Veerapandi PO, Tirupur. **Bhagyamma DS**, W/o R Rajanna, Chowdeshwari Badavane, Bheemasamudra Road, Chitradurga, Karnataka 577 501. **R Rajanna**, S/o Ramappa, No 1468, Nenapu niliya, Bheemasamudra Road, Chowdeshwari Layout, Chitradurga, Chitradurga 577 501. **Lakshmi devi,** W/o Munichawdappa Venkatappa, 104, 1st Cross, Sajeevppa Colony, Purnapura, Gokula, Bangalore 560 054. **Vijay VM,** S/o Munichwdappa Venkataapa, 104, first Cross, Sanjeevappa Colony, Purnapura, Gokula, Bangalore 560 054. **Kusuma kumari S**, W/o VM Manjunath, 104, First Cross, Sanjeevappa Colony, Purnapura, Gokula, Bangalore 560 054. **Kannammal A**, W/o Sathish Kumar, 12/272, Nehru Street, Avinashi, TIrupur 641 650. **K S Radha**, W/o Perumalmoorthy, 12/272, Nehru Street, Avinashi, Tirupur 641 650.
Dear Sir,
**Sub : Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.**
M/s Navitaa Exports represented by its partners Mr. VM Manjunath S/o Munichowdappa and Mr. P Satheesh Kumar S/o S Perumalmoorthy has availed following loans / credit facilities from time to time.

| Limit - Fund Based | Loan amount | Liability as on **13.03.2025** | Rate of Interest* |
|---|---|---|---|
| OCC - 1246261006294 | Rs.3,50,00,000/- | Rs.5,27,65,343.52 | MCLR + 2.55% (presently @ 11.80% p.a floating ) + 2% (penal Interest) |
| NFB - PC,FDB/FBE | Rs.9,00,00,000/- | Rs.5,25,08,589.00 | MCLR + 6.25% (presently @ 15.50% p.a floating ) + 2% (penal Interest) |
| Total | | Rs.10,52,73,932.52 | |

The above said loan/credit facilities are duly secured by way of mortgage of the assets more specifically described in the schedule hereunder, by virtue of the relevant documents executed by you in our favour. Since you had failed to discharge your liabilities as per the terms and conditions stipulated, the Bank has classified the debt as NPA on **30.05.2019.** Hence, we hereby issue this notice to you under Section 13(2) of the subject Act calling upon you to discharge the entire liability of **Rs. 10,52,73,932.52 (Rupees Ten Crore Fifty Two lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Two and Paise Fifty two Only) as on 13.03.2025** together with further interest thereon and incidental expenses and costs with accrued and up-to-date interest and other expenses, within sixty days from the date of the notice, failing which we shall exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the subject Act. Further, you are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets mentioned in the schedule in any manner whatsoever, without our prior consent. This is without prejudice to any other rights available to us under the subject Act and/or any other law in force.
Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
The demand notice had also been issued to you by Registered Post Ack due to your last known address available in the Branch record.
**SCHEDULE**
**The specific details of the assets Mortgaged/Hypothecated are enumerated hereunder:**
**Immovable Property : 1.** At Babburu Village, S.No.544, Kasabahobli, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga Dist, 3.09 Acres of Residential Alienated Land in the name of Mr. R Rajanna S/o Ramappa. Boundaries : East - Re Sy No 540 and 545, West - Re Sy No 543, North - Re Sy No 541, South - Re Sy No 255. **2.** At Babburu Village, S.No.541, Kasabahobli, Hiriyur Taluk, Chitradurga Dist, an extent of 3.00 Acres of Residential Alienated Land in the name of Mrs. BS Bhagyamma W/o Ramappa. Boundaries : East - Re Sy No 540 and 545, West – Re Sy No 542 and 54, North - Re Sy No 47, South - Re Sy No 544. Along with pathway right all other appurtenances attached thereon.
**Date : 13.03.2025 Authorised Officer**
**Place : Coimbatore Canara Bank**

# EDITORIAL

"Many of the wars of the 20th century were about oil, but wars of the 21st century will be about water unless we change the way in which we manage it

Ismail Serageldin

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— Ramnath Goenka

## RESHAPE COST-BENEFIT CALCULUS OF TERROR FOR LONG-TERM DETERRENCE

THE message is unambiguous: it can no longer be business as usual with Pakistan. Pahalgam marked the worst terrorist attack since the 26/11 Mumbai carnage. And again, the cross-border nexus is undeniable—Pakistan stands exposed as both a sponsor and a sanctuary for terror groups. The Pahalgam attack was also an assault on India's unity and Kashmir's hard-earned calm following the abrogation of Article 370. However, it failed in its sinister objective of sowing communal discord in Kashmir. Instead, it drew an unprecedented wave of condemnations. From the grieving families to the streets of Srinagar, the public mood was defiant, united and resolute. The people of Kashmir stood shoulder to shoulder with fellow Indians.

When PM Narendra Modi spoke about the nature of the response, first at a rally in Bihar and later on his radio show, it reflected the nation's mood. At a high-level meeting on Tuesday, he granted the armed forces operational freedom to choose the timing, method and target of any punitive response. His message to the global community, too, was clear: India will identify, trace and punish the terrorists and their enablers. The opposition seems resolutely behind the government on this.

Diplomatic and economic levers have been activated. India has suspended its participation in the Indus Waters Treaty. Pakistan has belligerently labelled the move an "act of war". In a further escalation, Islamabad has threatened to withdraw from the 1972 Simla Agreement—the very accord that defines the Line of Control and frames Kashmir as a bilateral issue. These are desperate reactions from a state cornered by its own duplicity. India has also slashed Pakistan's diplomatic presence in Delhi, shut down a border crossing, and suspended visa services for Pakistani nationals. Pakistan, in turn, has mirrored these actions.

It's now time to move into the realm of decisive deterrence. India must recalibrate its strategic posture toward a neighbour that openly employs terrorism as an instrument of state policy. Any response, particularly a military one, must be grounded in a clear-eyed assessment of the risks, the credibility of deterrence, and alignment with long-term objectives. This is not about any immediate retribution, but about reshaping the cost-benefit calculus for those who believe they can bleed India without consequence. The Pahalgam massacre is a line in the sand. The time for half-measures is over. It's time for India to act with a long-term strategy and clarity of purpose.

## A CHANCE TO MEND INDIA-CANADA TIES

IN his congratulatory message to his Canadian counterpart Mark Carney, whose Liberal Party bounced back to win the country's federal elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke of how the two countries are bound by democratic values, commitment to the rule of law and people-to-people ties. While the stress on the rule of law underlines India's primary concern with Canada, Carney's win provides an opportunity to reset bilateral ties that hit a nadir during the tenure of his predecessor Justin Trudeau, who accused India of being involved in the killing of terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023 and irked India by commenting on the 2020 farmers' protests.

The Canadian result bodes well for India on two counts. One, Carney has made it clear that rebuilding "the incredibly important" ties with India is a priority. Two, it showed a sharp erosion of support for Khalistani sympathiser Jagmeet Singh's New Democratic Party (NDP), which propped the minority Trudeau government and shaped its antagonism towards India. NDP's strength in the Canadian parliament fell from 24 to seven, and Jagmeet himself failed to retain his seat.

The India-Canada relations hinge on trade, security and immigration. While bilateral trade was not affected much by the friction, concerns over security and immigration worsened. India wants Canada to act against Khalistani supporters, and though Carney has not addressed the allegations surrounding Nijjar's killing, he has taken on a nuanced tone and talked about "a path forward" to address issues with mutual respect.

New Delhi is also concerned about the well-being of Canada's 3-million-strong Indian diaspora that includes students. The Liberal Party's manifesto promised to cap immigration at 5 percent of the population by 2027. But it's hoped that Carney, an economist who served as central bank governor in both England and Canada, would take into account the contributions that students, skilled professionals and tech workers make while formulating policies. Carney's win signals the possibility of reviving the free-trade negotiations that were put on hold under Trudeau. Given that it's Donald Trump's bullying on trade that played a role in his surprise victory, Carney understands the importance of forging better relations with countries other than the US, and especially with a large economy like India. The two countries need to work together to counter the emerging geo-economic challenges. The election provides the best chance in years for such a realignment.

QUICK TAKE

### INFLUENCING THE INFLUENCERS

THE Delhi High Court's decision to uphold the right of social media influencers to criticise brands—provided the criticism is based on facts and is scientifically valid—is welcome. The judgement addresses both the boon and the bane that's social media. It protects freedom of speech and allows experts to speak directly to us, while restricting armchair amateurs who can inflict harm by spouting ill-informed opinions. Influencers must do their bit for transparency by revealing their brand associations, if any. The media serves a purpose when it keeps a clear line between news and advertisement. The blurring of that line on social media can be extremely hazardous.

The suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty reflects a broader shift in India's foreign policy—a willingness to revisit outdated arrangements where strategic asymmetries have widened

## RIVERS THAT CONNECT AND DIVIDE

DAVINDER SANDHU

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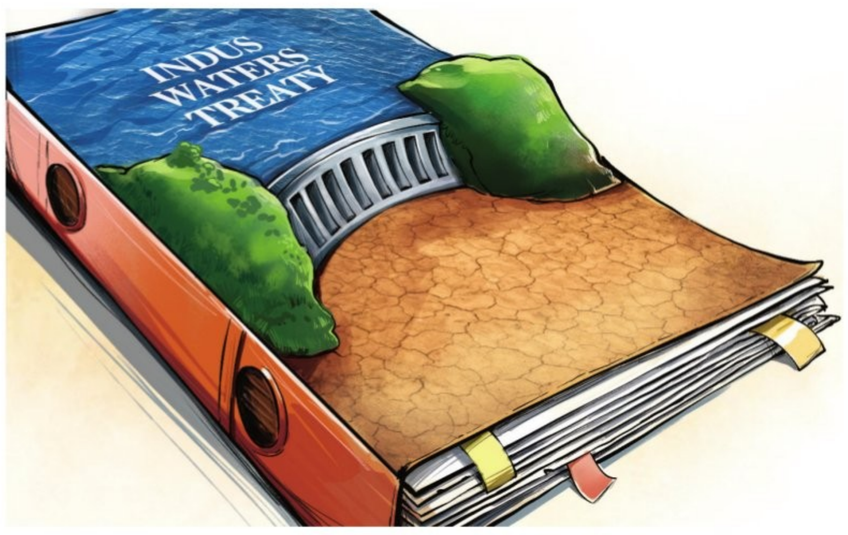


MANDAR PARDIKAR

FOR over six decades, the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) has been hailed as a triumph of diplomacy and resilience—surviving wars, terrorism, and deep political hostility between India and Pakistan. Brokered by the World Bank and signed in 1960, the treaty allocated control of the eastern rivers of the Indus system (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) to India and the western rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) to Pakistan, while permitting limited Indian use of the western rivers for non-consumptive purposes such as hydroelectric generation, navigation and irrigation.

The original intent of the treaty was to reduce friction over vital water resources, enabling peaceful coexistence. However, Pakistan was the first to use the treaty less as a means of cooperation, and more as a tool of obstruction and diplomatic warfare. Repeated challenges to India's legitimate hydroelectric projects—such as Kishanganga and Ratle—have been filed at international forums, causing delays, inflating project costs, and undermining India's development agenda, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir.

Further, Pakistan's simultaneous pursuit of neutral expert intervention and appeals to the Court of Arbitration violated the graded dispute resolution mechanism explicitly outlined in the treaty. Such actions not only breach procedural integrity, but also reveal Islamabad's tactic of leveraging the treaty as a political instrument rather than honoring it as a mechanism for peaceful resolution.

As the upper riparian, India could have modulated Pakistan's water availability right after 1965 and certainly after the 1971 war, putting economic and political pressure on Islamabad. As a responsible nation taking a humane stance, India did not exercise this option despite the extreme events.

However, this stance could not last forever. Based on Pakistan's own patterns of using IWT as a strategic tool, India has increasingly signaled its use of the treaty as a lever to pressure Pakistan to cease cross-border terrorism and other destabilising activities. After the 2016 Uri attack and the 2019 Pulwama attack, the Indian leadership and think tanks discussed re-evaluating the IWT. In January 2023, India issued a notice to Pakistan seeking modification of the treaty under Article XII.

Post the inhuman targeting of unarmed civilians at Pahalgam, India's move to suspend the IWT is a logical next step in the country's long-term interest. It is aligned with its broader foreign policy doctrine that demands reciprocity in international arrangements.

The precipitate action marks an important shift in India's strategic posture: moving from passive tolerance to active rebalancing. India will move to maximise the use of eastern rivers and expedite hydropower projects on the western rivers as part of a strategy to impose indirect, but significant, strategic costs on Pakistan without crossing into open military conflict. The economic and social consequences would be severe for Pakistan. Over 80 percent of Pakistan's irrigated land depends on waters from the Indus system. The economies of Punjab and Sindh, Pakistan's agricultural heartlands, rely almost entirely on the consistent flow of these rivers for crops like wheat, rice, sugarcane and cotton. Any disruption would likely precipitate acute food insecurity, a sharp decline in agricultural exports such as basmati rice and mangoes, and energy shortages, given that hydropower constitutes 25-30 percent of Pakistan's electricity generation.

The stresses would ripple across Pakistan's economy, exacerbating inflation, widening the current account deficit, and fostering social unrest, particularly in already fragile provinces like Sindh and Balochistan. In short, Pakistan's water, food and energy securities are intricately tied to the continued functioning of the IWT, making Islamabad significantly vulnerable. Should India stay the course, Pakistan would undoubtedly mount a vigorous international response. It could appeal to the World Bank, the treaty's guarantor, or invoke international water norms by approaching the International Court of Justice. Islamabad would likely raise the issue in the UN General Assembly and Human Rights Council, alleging humanitarian violations, and galvanise diplomatic support from friendly nations like China and Turkey.

A parallel global media campaign could portray India's actions as an aggression against a vulnerable population's right to water. However, while these actions might generate diplomatic noise, they would not easily compel India to reverse course, especially if New Delhi remains within the legal limits of permissible action under the treaty. There is a large scope of actions that India can take to decrease the current water flows, while remaining compliant with the otherwise suspended treaty,

India's signaling of potential suspension is not merely an act of retaliation. It reflects a broader assertiveness in India's foreign policy—a willingness to revisit outdated arrangements where strategic asymmetries have grown too wide. While the signal from India is clear, the country will act with a sense of responsibility as a major Asian power that shares other multi-country riparian river systems like the Brahmaputra and the Ganga.

India's optimal strategy lies in maximal legal utilisation of its entitlements under the treaty. New Delhi must expedite all permissible run-of-the-river hydroelectric projects, fully use its share of the eastern river waters, build storage structures within treaty limits, and simultaneously engage in proactive diplomacy to frame its actions globally as a rightful rebalancing. The global narrative must be shifted to equity, adaptation to climate realities, and modernisation of a treaty that is outdated, and was misused by Pakistan as strategic leverage.

The IWT was a product of its time—an ingenious solution for a newly-partitioned subcontinent facing immense political and humanitarian upheaval. Yet, today's realities—geopolitical, climatic and strategic—demand fresh approaches. India's recent moves, while called aggressive in some quarters, represent a necessary and prudent recalibration driven by imperatives of national security, economic development, and environmental stewardship.

Ultimately, the water of the Indus will continue to flow—but whether they will symbolise cooperation or conflict depends on Pakistan's willingness to shed the ghosts of the past, and engage with India in light of the realities of today, for the sake of a better tomorrow.

*(Views are personal)*

## LAWMAKING CAN'T BE LEFT TO AI

ADITYA SINHA

Public policy professional

IN 2014, a group of truck drivers in Maine secured a $5-million settlement—not over harsh working conditions or wage theft, but due to the absence of an Oxford comma in the American state's overtime law. The statute listed exempt activities as "packing for shipment or distribution", and the lack of a comma before 'or' triggered a dispute. Was distribution a separate exempt activity, or was only the act of packing (for shipment or distribution) exempt? The ambiguity was sufficient for the court to side with the drivers, highlighting how even minute syntactic choices in legislative drafting can carry substantial consequences.

The case shows how language structures shape legal meaning, especially under textualist or purposivist readings. In increasingly complex legal systems, such linguistic fragilities expose the need for greater precision in drafting.

As the world changes faster than parliaments can respond, it's easy to see why governments are starting to explore whether artificial intelligence can help. Some are already moving beyond using it to summarise bills or streamline services, towards something far more ambitious. The UAE is taking the boldest step yet, aiming to make AI a co-legislator of sorts. It has launched an 'AI-driven regulation' system that will not only draft and review laws, but also predict when they need to change, using a vast database of legal and public sector data. Officials hope this will make lawmaking up to 70 percent faster. Unlike many democracies, the UAE's political structure lets it experiment at speed, which is why it's becoming a test-bed for such innovation.

Integrating AI into legislative drafting presents several advantages. First, AI can significantly enhance efficiency by automating routine tasks such as document review and due diligence, leading to substantial time savings and productivity increases. Second, AI can improve accuracy in legal research and drafting; for instance, studies have shown that AI can achieve higher accuracy rates in identifying legal risks compared to human lawyers. Third, AI facilitates consistency in legal documents by maintaining uniform language and structure, which is crucial in legislative texts. Fourth, AI can assist in identifying and mitigating biases in legal decision-making by analysing large datasets for patterns of discrimination. Fifth, AI supports real-time updates and efficient cross-referencing in drafting, enabling lawmakers to develop more informed and organised legislation.

But before embracing such a future, it's worth examining what might go wrong. AI models trained on legal corpora are only as good as the data they ingest. If historical laws or judgements

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reflect biases, say, against marginalised groups, the AI won't correct them; it will likely replicate and entrench them. More technically, transformer-based language models may misinterpret legal syntax or collapse distinct legal doctrines into statistically similar phrasing. And when AI is used recursively, when laws written by machines inform the next generation of training data, the system risks locking in errors and blind spots over time.

There's also the black box problem. These models, particularly large language models used in natural language processing, often produce outputs that are difficult to explain even to their creators. So when an AI suggests amending a tax clause or reclassifying a criminal offence, who takes responsibility? And on what basis? Unlike humans, these systems lack intent or moral reasoning. Yet, their recommendations can carry the weight of policy.

Worse still, AI systems often overfit to structure and formalism, generating legally correct but purposively flawed drafts that fail to reflect the evolving spirit of law. Should a constitutional right be interpreted by probability-weighted token sequences? Even the UAE's bold experiment, using AI to suggest legal updates and model societal impacts, forces us to confront uncomfortable questions: what happens when predictive efficiency collides with normative legitimacy? In such a world, democratic oversight, legal theory, and ethical reasoning must become more, not less, central to the legislative process.

Equally critical is the epistemic authority that AI may begin to command. As these systems become more capable of summarising legal precedent, evaluating policy outcomes, and generating model legislation, there's a risk that their outputs are treated as inherently superior, even unchallengeable, due to their computational origin. In lawmaking, such 'automation bias' could erode deliberative pluralism. The legislative process thrives not just on efficiency but on friction, argument and dissent that reflect a society's moral and cultural diversity. If AI shortcuts that process in the name of rationality or optimisation, we risk losing something fundamental: the idea that laws are not merely well-drafted instructions, but collective moral choices negotiated in public view.

As things stand, AI should be seen as a precision instrument—one that enhances clarity, detects inconsistencies, and streamlines the drafting of legal language—but not as a normative guide that decides *where* or *whether* the state should intervene. That judgement requires ethical reasoning, institutional memory, and a deep understanding of political context. While AI can improve the *how* of legislation, it lacks the legitimacy or wisdom to decide the *why* or *what*.

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## MAILBAG

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### Ministers' exits

Ref: *Courts force ministers' exits, but DMK not out of corruption cloud* (Apr 30). Absent the intervention of the courts, ministers Senthil Balaji and Ponmudy would have continued in their positions in the Tamil Nadu government. Decades ago, the late political commentator and actor Cho Ramaswamy famously remarked that the DMK had institutionalised corruption. His words continue to resonate today.
**C V Aravind, Chennai**

### Sporting ties

Ref: *India-Pak sporting ties sour post Pahalgam* (Apr 30). Sports have become a casualty of the strained Indo-Pak relations following the Pahalgam attack. Though sports should be above politics, in this case I feel Pakistan must demonstrate it can be a responsible neighbour before sporting relations can be restored.
**George Jacob, Kochi**

### Support peacekeeping

Ref: *Standing between war and peace* (Apr 30). The UN's peacekeeping operations are crucial for maintaining stability and peace in many regions around the world. If the US reduces its funding, other nations should step up their contributions to fill the gap.
**Ravi Nair, Kollengode**

### Chennai's robocop

Ref: Robo cop joins force in June to ensure safety (Apr 29). It is encouraging to note that the Greater Chennai Police will introduce the 'Red Button Robotic Cop' in June, a cutting-edge system that integrates advanced robotics, CCTV cameras with 360-degree surveillance, and GPS tracking to assist law enforcement in the city. This should be introduced in other cities as well.
**S Vaithianathan, Madurai**

### Carney's challenge

Ref: PM Modi congratulates Carney, seeks reset in ties (Apr 30). The biggest and most pressing challenge for Mark Carney is managing his dealings with Trump and pushing for the immediate removal of the tariffs imposed on Canada. Carney captured the nation's attention by skillfully framing Trump as an existential threat to Canada. Now, his political acumen will be further as he moves to protect Canada's interests.
**R Sivakumar, Chennai**

### Action needed

Ref: *Full freedom to forces* (Apr 30). The Army must be fully prepared. This is not a time for patience. Unless the government takes decisive action, Pakistan will continue to back terror activities against India.
**R Pichumani, Kumbakonam**

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**POSTS OF THE DAY**

**Jairam Ramesh** @Jairam_Ramesh
This is a time for unity and solidarity. This is the time when we must, with collective resolve, teach Pakistan a lesson it will never forget.

**Yogi Adityanath** @myogiadityanath
The decision of CCPA under the leadership of PM to include caste census in the upcoming census in the overall interest of 140 crore countrymen is unprecedented.

**Nitin Gadkari** @nitin_gadkari
The Union Cabinet has approved the Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane payable by sugar mills to sugarcane farmers for the season 2025-26.

● During DGMO-level talks, India flags ceasefire breach from across border ● Alert issued on the basis of outfit's video

# Unprovoked Pak firing continues

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AMID unprovoked firing by Pakistan along the International Border and appropriate return fire by India, both Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) held a hotline talk on Wednesday. Sources, however, described it as a routine weekly meeting. The Indian side raised the matter of rising incidents of firing from across the border along the LoC, the sources said.

The meeting holds significance as tension has flared along the LoC and the International Border since the April 22 Pahalgam killings of 26 civilians by terrorists.

A source said the cross-border firing has been ongoing for the last six days, but Wednesday saw it stretch towards the International Border. "Firing of small arms took place in Pargwal Sector, which happens to be the northernmost point of the International Border between the two countries." During the intervening night of April 29-30, Pakistan Army posts initiated unprovoked small-arms fire across the LoC opposite the Naushera, Sunderbani and Akhnoor sectors in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

"Indian Army troops responded swiftly and proportionately. Further, unprovoked small arms firing by Pakistan Army was also reported from their posts across the Line of Control in Baramulla and Kupwara districts, as well as across the International Border in the Pargwal Sector." said the Army sources. A ceasefire violation, a source explained, means more than 20 rounds fired by the Pakistan Army or firing from any weapon bigger than the Medium Machine Gun (MMG) like the mortar. There have been 13 to 14 ceasefire violations by Pakistan this year.

India shares a 3,323 km border with Pakistan, which is divided into three parts: the International Border (approximately 2,400 km from Gujarat to the north banks of Chenab in Akhnoor in Jammu), the Line of Control (LoC) (740 km long and runs from parts of Jammu to parts of Leh) and the Actual Ground Position Line (AGPL) (110 km long dividing the Siachen region extending from NJ 9842 to Indira Col in the north.)

**PM to skip Moscow visit**

PM Narendra Modi will not be attending Russia's Victory Day celebration in Moscow. No specific reason was announced for Modi not going to Russia.

**'India, its people resolute to destroy root of terror'**

Amid heightened tension between India and Pakistan following the recent Pahalgam terror attack, J&L L-G Manoj Sinha on Wednesday said it is the collective resolve of the people and the nation to destroy the root of terror emanating from the neighbouring country. He made the remarks at a security review meeting with Director General of Police (DGP) Nalin Prabhat and other senior officials.

# TRF warns of fresh attacks after demolition of terrorists' houses

**Security beefed up**

The security set up in and around vulnerable areas has been beefed up with the deployment of Quick Reaction Teams, said, adding that some of the TRF operatives include terrorists who previously fought in Afghanistan.

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

INDIAN intelligence agencies have alerted the security forces about fresh plans of The Resistance Front (TRF) to target Kashmiri Pandits and non-Muslim migrant labourers, particularly after J&K authorities demolished the houses of active terrorists in the Valley, sources said on Wednesday.

A senior security official said that the intelligence agencies issued the alert after finding a TRF video last week in which the banned terror outfit said, "Their attacks would continue if demolitions of the houses of locals continue".

Given the intelligence input, the security set up in and around vulnerable areas has been beefed up with the deployment of Quick Reaction Teams (QRTs), said, adding that some of the TRF operatives include terrorists who previously fought in Afghanistan.

As security forces hunt the five foreign-origin terrorists who executed the Pahalgam attack, sources revealed that Pakistan has already infiltrated into Kashmir battle-hardened Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operatives who fought American forces alongside the Taliban in Afghanistan.

The authorities have demolished nine houses of active terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir since the deadly Pahalgam attack took place on April 22.

Following the intelligence input received last Monday, security officials said the forces deployed for Road Opening Parties (ROP), Naka duties, and other operations have been alerted to remain vigilant and asked to avoid using mobile phones while on duty.

They said security around all vital installations, vulnerable spots, and people likely to be terrorists' targets has been enhanced by installing pickets and check nakas, and all these have been put under close supervision at all levels. They added that all units of the J&K Police, the Paramilitary forces, and the Army have been instructed to stop casual movements.

# India steps up efforts to flag Pak-backed terror modules harming many countries

JAYANTH JACOB @ New Delhi

AS India launches a global diplomatic offensive, including at the United Nations, the government focus is on exposing Pakistan's role as a state sponsor of terrorism.

In the wake of Pahalgam terror attack, the government has been briefing various governments in its bid to build a larger coalition to put pressure on Pakistan. At the heart of the threat from Pakistan is a "military-intelligence establishment that has transformed soldiers into jihadist trainers, fuelling decades of terror" across South Asia, sources said.

"Pakistan's track record in sponsoring, sheltering, and exporting terrorism is one of the most dangerous and destabilising forces in the world. For decades, its soil has been used as a launchpad for cross-border terrorism, and extremist ideology," the sources pointed out.

Indian envoy Yojna Patel at UN

Pakistan defence minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif admitting that "the country supported terrorist groups for more than three decades" is part of a pattern like former President Pervez Musharraf conceding that "his forces trained terror groups to fight" in Kashmir.

"A pattern of Pakistan-sponsored terror has emerged across the globe," with attacks linked to "its networks" including the bombings of Indian and US embassies in Kabul (2008, 2011), the 2005 London attacks, and the 2024 concert hall massacre in Moscow. "In each of these cases, investigations have uncovered evidence of logistical or ideological support originating from Pakistani networks," the sources said, adding that it is time that the countries took an urgent note of these patterns.

"Pakistan hosts a network of terror training camps across provinces like Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Waziristan, and PoK. These camps, operated by groups such as LeT, JeM, Hizbul Mujahideen, and transnational outfits like ISIS-Khorasan, serve as hubs for radicalisation, weapons training, and suicide mission preparations," the sources said.

# Pak air space closed, tough time for Indians in Almaty

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

THE abrupt announcement of Indigo discontinuing its operations to and from Almaty in Kazakhstan, effective April 27, has turned the vacation of hundreds of Indian travellers into a nightmare. This decision comes after Pakistan closed its airspace to Indian flights.

The romantic dreams of many honeymooners in the idyllic Almaty, rated as a cheaper Switzerland, came crashing after news spread that flights operated by the only Indian airline had been cancelled.

A family of four, including two senior citizens, reached India on Wednesday with great difficulty by splitting into two groups from Almaty.

Anita Krishnan (name changed on request) and her husband had to pay over ₹75,000 by Air Asthana to reach Mumbai instead of the nearly ₹18,000 fare they had paid on an Indigo flight.

Her brother, S Karthick, and his wife reached Bengaluru by paying ₹75,708 by Air Arabia via Sharjah, a huge jump from the ₹33,205 fare of their Indigo tickets. Anita said. "Hundreds of Indians were affected terribly. Many Indian families with senior citizens were in the city. There were many newly married couples, too."

Multiple calls were made to the Indigo call centre and their nodal office for assistance, she added. "It was only after I mailed the Indian consulate in Kazhakstan and the Ministry of Civil Aviation for help that the airline started responding better."

An Indigo spokesperson said, "The ticket fare of all the affected passengers is being fully refunded."

# WAVES to make waves today, PM to inaugurate

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai on Thursday, a four-day event that will bring together the entire spectrum of the media and entertainment industry. The summit will now be an annual event, which will take place in February in Mumbai, said sources.

Envisioned as a platform to bridge the gap between traditional and emerging media, the PM has set aside nearly 10 hours for WAVES, where he will chair a meeting with industry leaders from the media and entertainment sector.

"WAVES will integrate films, OTT, gaming, comics, digital media, AI, broadcasting, and emerging tech, making it a comprehensive showcase of India's media and entertainment prowess. WAVES aims to unlock a $50 billion market by 2029, expanding India's footprint in the global entertainment economy," said officials.

The PM will also interact with young creators from across the world who have participated in 31 different Create in India challenges at the Creatosphere and give away awards to the winners. The Creatosphere will feature curated zones from VR, animation, films, games, VFX, comics, music to immersive exhibits and masterclasses.

At WAVES, India will also host the Global Media Dialogue (GMD) for the first time, with ministerial participation from 25 countries, marking a milestone in the country's engagement with the global media and entertainment landscape.

# NMR is yet to take off; less than 1% of docs have applied for enrollment so far

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

THE National Medical Register (NMR), a centralised database of registered medical practitioners in modern medicine in the country, has received less than 1 per cent of applications from doctors for enrollment in the eight months, despite it being mandatory for registered doctors in India to enroll in the central registry.

Of the doctors who have so far applied, 98 per cent of applications have not been approved. The NMR was launched by Union Health Minister J P Nadda on August 23 There are over 13 lakh registered medical practitioners (RMPs) in India.

According to an RTI, the National Medical Council (NMC) received 10,411 applications till April 24. The RTI reply, dated April 29, said that the total number of applications not approved to date is 10,237, including 139 applications where queries were raised.

"The total number of applications rejected to date is two," the reply said.

According to Kerala-based Dr K V Babu, who filed the RTI, 13,08,009 allopathic doctors were registered with the State Medical Councils (SMCs) and the NMC as of June 2022.

"The NMC should understand the implications of 98% non-approval of the applications. Of 13 lakh doctors, over 10,000 applicants have even applied for the registration in about eight months. It is just 0.8% of the total doctors in India," Dr Babu told this paper.

The NMR is mandated under Section 31 of the NMC Act, 2019, which states that the Ethics and Medical Registration Board (EMRB) of NMC shall maintain a national register in electronic form containing the name, address, and all recognised qualifications possessed by a licensed medical practitioner.

As per the gazette notification of May 10, 2023, enrolling is mandatory in NMR, which Nadda had described as a comprehensive and dynamic database for allopathic (MBBS) registered doctors in India at the time of its launch.

The RTI activist said there are a few takers for NMR because the registration process has become very complicated.

He said that once the registration number and degree certificates are verified by the SMCs, the NMC should automatically enroll doctors, as the erstwhile Medical Council of India (MCI) did in the past.

However in the new process, the doctors are asked not only to upload Aadhar but also to submit an affidavit if their names or state medical council names do not match the current data.

**Most parts of the country are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall, except for some areas in northwest, central and northeast India**

Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, IMD Director General

**Heatstroke, exhaustion**

Heatwaves carry significant risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as elderly, children, and people with pre-existing health conditions, who are more prone to heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

# IMD: May to have more heatwave days

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

MOST parts of the country are likely to experience seven days of heatwave in May against the normal four, and above-normal maximum and minimum temperatures. However, above-normal rainfall could help prevent the kind of extreme heat recorded last year, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said on Wednesday.

IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said, "The number of heatwave days this May is expected to be higher than normal — by one to four days — across large parts of the country, particularly in Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Gangetic West Bengal."

Some areas of Gujarat, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, adjoining Telangana and north Karnataka are also expected to see above-normal heatwave days, he said. Normally, different parts of the country, except the southwest Peninsular India, experience one to three days of heatwave in May. Mohapatra said, "Most parts of the country are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall, except for some areas in northwest, central and northeast India."

Heatwaves carry significant risks, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, and people with pre-existing health conditions, who are more prone to heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

EXPLAINER

# CASTE CENSUS MAY IMPACT ASSEMBLY POLLS

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH the Centre announcing its decision to include caste enumeration in the upcoming census, the country's political map is likely to witness a churn after more than 30 years of Mandal politics.

The Opposition can claim the government's decision as a victory on its part as the parties, particularly the Congress, has turned the demand for a country-wide caste census as a rallying point in the recent Lok Sabha and assembly elections. With every political entity trying to woo OBCs, who account for the largest vote chunk in the country, the move will have a potential impact in the upcoming Bihar and other assembly elections.

**Why caste census?**

It is necessary for several reasons, say experts and political parties. They say that a caste count is the need of the hour to collect substantial scientific data of contemporary nature, and decide the quantum of reservation accordingly.

Every census in India from 1951 to 2011 has data on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, except other castes. A caste count can generate extensive data that can inform better policy-making, by identifying the disadvantaged sections of society and implement affirmative programmes.

"Currently, the data is collected on various parameters such as age, gender, education, religion, language, SC/ST, profession, and other details during the census exercise. To count the castes, the government only needs to insert additional columns for SEBC, OBC, and other castes," says an expert, adding that a caste census can also fulfill a constitutional mandate, help dispel myths surrounding caste.

**Last caste census**

The last one was done in 1931, which included present-day Bangladesh and Pakistan. But all castes were counted during census exercises carried out in pre-Independence era between 1881 and 1931. The government decided against counting castes except for SCs/STs in 1951, at the time of the first census of Independent India. In 2011, the Manmohan Singh-led UPA government did a socio-economic caste census. Though the details of data were published by two ministries in 2016, the caste data never saw the light of the day. The BJP-led NDA government set up a panel under Niti Aayog vice-chairman Arvind Panagariya in 2015 to analyse the data, but nothing came out of it. The ₹4,893.60-crore exercise was conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation.

**Modi govt's earlier stand**

Though caste-based census for identifying and enumerating SEBC/OBCs was a long demand of parties, the government has been dithering on the issue since 2014. In July 2021, the Centre has informed Parliament that it won't undertake a caste-based survey and as a policy matter, it will enumerate SCs/STs in the 2021 census. In 2018, the then Home minister Rajnath Singh promised a caste-based survey to identify OBCs/SEBCs.

**Relook at 50% quota**

A caste census will also necessitate a relook on the 50% ceiling on reservation policy. The Mandal Commission has pegged the OBC population at 52%, while NSSO in 2007 said the group constitutes 41%. In the absence of a caste census for any caste or category apart from SCs/STs since 1931, precise caste numbers are unknown. Currently, as per an old ruling by the Supreme Court, the quota for OBCs is capped at 27% in government jobs. Reservation to the tune of 22.5% in Central government jobs already exists for SCs/STs. Different states have varying quotas for SCs, STs and OBCs.

What about the recommendations of Justice Rohini Commission? Though the panel, set up in 2017 on subcategorisation of OBCs, submitted its report last year, the government is yet to take it up.

**State caste surveys**

Three governments — Karnataka, Telangana and Bihar — have conducted caste surveys so far. Karnataka is yet to release the survey report.

**SEEDS OF HATE**

A video clip on social media purportedly showing a mob surrounding a boy and coercing him into urinating on a Pakistan flag in UP's Aligarh prompted police to launch a probe and book three people. As per the complaint, the mob demanded to know the boy's name before they started accosting him.

6 NAXALS SURRENDER BEFORE COPS IN DANTEWADA DISTRICT

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| Bhopal | 40 | 24 | Panaji | 35 | 29 |
| Jaipur | 41 | 28 | Patna | 28 | 23 |
| Amritsar | 40 | 23 | Lucknow | 36 | 24 |
| Chennai | 32 | 29 | Port Blair | 29 | 27 |
| Kolkata | 31 | 24 | Imphal | 27 | 18 |
| Srinagar | 25 | 09 | Chandigarh | 37 | 25 |

# BORDER VILLAGERS ON THE EDGE

Residents along LoC fortify, clean bunkers, hastily harvest fields amid tensions ● BSF constable's repatriation stalled

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

TERROR in KASHMIR

KASHMIR is no stranger to barrage of bullets from across the border; years under the reign of terrorism has prompted them to prepare for the worst in any given scenario. And now, amid repeated breach of ceasefire from across the international border, those inhabiting areas adjoining the Line of Control (LoC) are, literally, on the edge.

Firing by Pakistan troops along the LoC in contravention of the ceasefire for the past six nights has aggravated the anxieties among the border residents in Jammu and Kashmir; they have already begun preparing themselves for any further escalation that may unfold, cleaning and fortifying underground bunkers and hastily harvesting their crops .

"During the night of April 29-30, Pakistani posts opened unprovoked fire with small-calibre arms across the LoC opposite Naushera, Sunderbani, Ahnoor, Baramulla and Kupwara sectors besides the International Border in Pargwal sector of J&K," an army official said, adding that the Army responded swiftly and proportionately to the provocation.

Now, the daily crossfire along the LoC has created an atmosphere of apprehension and uncertainty among those inghabiting border villages, bringing back harrowing memories of past displacement and loss of lives in cross-border shelling.

"There has been continuous firing by Pakistani troops during the last few nights. We are very apprehensive about the situation and there is no guarantee that Pakistani troops will not fire shells on civilian areas," said Abdul Aziz, a resident of Churanda village, close to the LoC in Uri.

In the past, the Churanda village has suffered casualties in cross-border firing and shelling. "We are living in fear. Our children are not going to school. We pray that the border tension ease," he said.

Right from Uri in north Kashmir to Kupwara to twin border districts of Rajouri and Poonch to the Arnas border in Jammu, residents are taking caution as they brace for escalation.

"We are cleaning and fortifying the underground bunkers. We are storing food items including rice, wheat, Dal and water and other essentials in them. The situation is very tense; we don't know what will happen tomorrow. We have also kept beddings in bunkers for whatever may come," said residents living near the LoC in Poonch.

In border areas, locals with the support of administration have constructed underground bunkers where they can take refuge during cross-border firing. "We are preparing for the worst by cleaning and repairing our bunkers," said Keemati Lal, a resident of Arnas border area.

He said time has come to give a befitting reply to Pakistan. "The Army should teach Pakistan a lesson for sponsoring terrorism and resorting to ceasefire violations. We farmers are standing with our forces."

### Cross-border firing unabated

Since last six nights, there have been daily instances of cross-border firing with small-calibre weapons by Pakistan forces in several sectors along the LoC in Jammu and Kashmir. The tensions on the border escalated after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, where 25 tourists and a local were killed, and the retaliatory suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty by India.

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### Farmers rush to harvest

The farmers in the Trewa area of Ania sector were seen hurriedly completing harvest. "Before escalation of border tensions, we want to complete harvest of all crops in the fields close to the border," said a local. Bullet proof tractors, a common sight in these areas rushed to and fro. The flare up in tensions is once again testing the resilience of those living on the margins.

(**1**) Underground bunkers in areas along LoC being cleaned (File photo); (**2,3**) Tourists at the Lal Chowk in Srinagar amid heavy security cover; (**4,5**) Police bring detained Pak nationals living in J&K to deport them to Pakistan, at Attari | PTI

# INDIA-PAK FLAG MEET PUT OFF AS BSF JAWAN STUCK

**HARPREET BAJWA** @ Chandigarh

THE process of repatriating a BSF constable, Purnam Kumar Shaw, who accidentally strayed into Pakistani territory, has stalled with the Pakistan Rangers halting border flag meetings with the Border Security Force (BSF) amid heightened bilateral tensions following the Pahalgam terror attack.

The BSF constable of the 182 Battalion had accidentally crossed into the territory of the neighbouring country along with his service weapon on April 24, and Pakistan Rangers detained him.

India had initiated talks at flag meetings to get him back. However, the current standoff is impeding repatriation efforts. A senior official said, "The Pakistan Rangers have stopped all flag meetings with the BSF at all the posts along the intentional border. The constable would have returned the same day if the situation had been normal. But diplomatic channels are almost closed now. We have also tried that channel, but the constable's return appears delayed."

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> Senior BSF official

Sources said the BSF has also lodged a protest with the Pakistan Rangers. A protest note has been sent to their sector commander, but they are "non-committal" about his whereabouts even though 4-5 flag meetings have occurred. Previously, soldiers straying into neighbouring territory were allowed to return after a flag meeting.

An official said the BSF jawan is understood to have been moved to a Rangers base along the Lahore-Amritsar sector.

Rajni Shaw, wife of the BSF constable, who hails from West Bengal, reached Punjab on Monday to pursue the case of her husband's return with higher officers of the Western Command of BSF. She learned on Monday evening that the Pakistan Rangers had cancelled the flag meeting scheduled for Wednesday.

The deadline for departure of Pakistani short-term and medical visa holders from India ended Tuesday. A total of 887 people returned to their country in the last six days, including Pakistani nationals who were repatriated on Tuesday.

Sources said 1,491 people, including Indian and Pakistani nationals having no obligation to return to India (NORI) certificates issued along with long-term visas have crossed over to India through the Integrated Check Post at the Attari border since April 24, and 470 crossed over on Tuesday.

# Pahalgam accused should be punished, killed in PoK, says kin

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

AS the name of local Lashkar terrorist Farooq Ahmed Tadwa, who is in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), has cropped up during investigation into the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, his house was demolished in Kupwara in north Kashmir.

Farooq's nephew has said if his uncle is linked to the terror attack, he should be punished and killed in PoK and that if India wants to end terrorism, it should destroy Pakistan.

According to sources, the over ground workers (OGW) network of Farooq, who is an LeT commander based in PoK, has provided logistic and other support to Pahalgam attackers. "He had facilitated infiltration of the two Pakistani terrorists involved in the attack, besides luring youth to terrorism," said a source linked to the probe.

After Farooq's name cropped up during investigation, security forces on Saturday demolished his house at Kalaroos area of Kupwara. Security agencies have demolished houses of nine local terrorists after the Pahalgam massacre.

Farooq's nephew Zakir said his uncle had exfiltrated to PoK in 1990 and has been living there since then. "I was born in 2000. If my uncle has committed any wrong, he should not be spared and the army should go and kill him there (PoK)," he said.

"If the agencies are saying that he is involved, then he should be punished there. We should not be targeted," Zakir said. "We are patriotic people. We work as labourers and work with the army (as porters)," he added.

Zakir said he wants to tell the government that it is time to destroy Pakistan. "Crush them and if they are crushed, there will be peace here and there will be no violence here. We will leave in peace and so will the country," he said.

"If India wants to get rid of terrorism, then India should destroy Pakistan," he added.

Meanwhile, amid the crackdown on terrorists and their sympathisers in the Valley, police has asked people to disassociate themselves from Hurriyat leader and cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq's J&K Awami Action Committee and Shia leader Masroor Abbas Ansari's J&K Itteehad-ul-Muslimeen, or face action, announcing the government has banned the outfits.

## PATNA DIARY

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### Prohibition returns to Bihar poll buzz

The Bihar prohibition experiment – the state-wide ban on liquor that came upon in April 2016 – has resurfaced in the run-up to assembly polls due later this year. Once extolled by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar as a moral triumph over 'social vices' that would curb violence and uplift the lives of women, the prohibition has now emerged as a political weapon for both ruling alliance and Opposition. Every party is debating its efficacy and accusing political rivals of betrayal – all in the hope of milking the controversy on enforced sobriety for electoral success. RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav recently advocated lifting the ban on 'toddy' in an apparent move to appease the Pasi (Dalit) community. Other parties too are in favour of lifting prohibition.

### Kishor looks to launch 'Bihar Badlav Yatra'

The Jan Suraaj Party has decided to launch the 'Bihar Badlav Yatra' from May 20 with a view to bringing about a change at the helm of affairs. Founder Prashant Kishor said the people of Bihar are in a mood for change over the lack of improvement in crucial areas like education, employment and migration. However, it's a matter of debate who will be the pioneer of this change in Bihar. Political analyst-turned-politician Kishor asserted that a change is inevitable as the state goes to polls later this year as Bihar has remained under the rule of Lalu-Rabri and later Nitish Kumar for nearly 35 years.

### No compromise on law & order: Tejashwi

Leader of Opposition in Bihar assembly Tejashwi Yadav promised he would never compromise on the law and order situation in the state if elected to form government. Dismissing the 'jungle raj' narrative propagated by the ruling NDA, the RJD leader promised to build the state with a renewed vision of development and assured safety and security for all. He also asserted that he is young and "ready to play a long and successful innings in politics", urging the people to give him a chance. He claimed he would continue what he had started during his 17-month stint as Deputy Chief Minister in the Mahagathabandhan government, when he had provided jobs to nearly five lakh people.

# Akhilesh-Ambedkar poster triggers UP political storm, BJP threatens stir

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

A poster juxtaposing half the faces of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Dr BR Ambedkar has created a political furore in UP since it went viral Wednesday morning.

The poster, part of a message welcoming people to an SP event, was construed as the party rooting for Dalit votes.

It launched a political slugfest in Lucknow even as the state SC/ST Commission took suo moto cognisance of the Samajwadi Party's controversial poster and ordered the Lucknow police commissioner to register a case and probe. It sought a report by May 5.

The ruling BJP leaders, from ministers to MPs and MLAs, slammed the SP chief, declaring that "there can be no greater insult to the architect of India's Constitution"." The BJP

held widespread protests throughout the day in Lucknow and across the state. BSP chief Mayawati also reacted strongly, cautioning Congress and SP against insulting Baba Saheb.

Reacting to the controversy, Akhilesh Yadav said he would ask his party worker Lalchand Gautam not to try making such posters in the future. He also asked the BJP if it would ask its leaders to mend their ways.

Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal and the BJP's social media big gun, Amit Malviya, are among those to have criticised the former UP-Chief Minister and his party.

"Akhilesh Yadav is the chief of a family party, and Babasaheb is against nepotism. His (Akhilesh Yadav's) ideologies do not match up with Babasaheb at all," said a senior BJP leader in Lucknow.

Amit Malviya, meanwhile, taunted Akhilesh and the SP, saying neither could live up to Dr Ambedkar's legacy. He also referred to the row over Rana Sanga, a 16th-century Rajput king who, Samajwadi Party MP Ramji Lal Suman claimed, invited the Mughals to India.

"There can be no greater insult to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar than to distort his face and superimpose Akhilesh Yadav's face on it," said a BJP leader.

# 21 Manipur MLAs write to PM, Shah for 'popular govt'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Guwahati

TWENTY-ONE legislators of the ruling NDA in Manipur have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah demanding immediate installation of a "popular government" in the violence-hit state.

The MLAs belong to the BJP, National People's Party and Naga People's Front. Former Chief Minister N Biren Singh of the BJP and MLAs close to him are not among signatories.

In the letters, the legislators said the people of Manipur welcomed the President's rule imposed on February 13. However, even after nearly two and half months, there were no visible actions to restore normalcy in the state, the MLAs wrote, asserting that peace could only be restored through installation of a popular government.

# 23-year-old Gujarat teacher kidnaps 11-year-old student, later arrested

**DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA** @ Ahmedabad

A 23-year-old female teacher has been arrested for allegedly abducting a class 5 student in Gujarat's Surat, sparking outrage in the city. The incident began on the afternoon of April 25 when the woman disappeared with the 11-year-old boy, leading to a frantic manhunt.

Surat DCP Bhagirath Gadhvi informed the media, "After an intensive investigation, the police arrested the teacher and detained the boy from Raigad on Tuesday. The investigation revealed that both of them were upset with frequent scoldings from their families, so they decided to run away."

Shortly after fleeing, the teacher switched off her mobile phone at the railway station, cutting off all digital communication. As CCTV scans of the railway station and bus stands turned up no leads, investigators feared the two had escaped on a private bus. Suddenly, a hidden second phone number surfaced, providing police with a critical lead.

> **'Premedidated'**
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> CCTV footage from the residence captured the teacher leaving with the boy on April 25, carrying a bag over her shoulder. After taking the boy with her, the teacher was seen arriving at Parvat Patiya in a rickshaw, where she purchased a trolley bag. The school bag had been bought two days prior, deepening suspicions that the abduction was premeditated.

The police formed a four-member team to capture the teacher and the boy. In the early hours of Tuesday, officers cornered a bus near Shamlaji on the Rajasthan border. They swiftly apprehended the duo, who had travelled over 390 kilometres from Surat by bus.

Initial interrogation revealed that the two had known each other for three years. Their families were acquaintances, and the boy attended her tuition classes. The student, son of a merchant from Surat's Pune area and a fifth-grade student, had been her only private student for the past year, and their relationship had gradually evolved into mutual affection.

The teacher's family pressured her to marry, and frustration over the boy's academic struggles at home set the stage for their desperate act.

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**Over 90%**
of Hezbollah sites near Israel dismantled by Lebanese army: Official

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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| Dhaka | 34 | 27 | LC | Moscow | 5 | 0 | LC |
| Dubai | 42 | 31 | SNY | New York | 14 | 6 | LR |
| Houston | 30 | 22 | LC | Singapore | 31 | 25 | TDS |
| Istanbul | 17 | 12 | LR | Toronto | 8 | 1 | LC |
| London | 17 | 8 | SNY | Washington | 23 | 8 | TDS |

DESPITE STUNNING COMEBACK

# Liberals just short of simple majority in Canada election

3 seats short, they have to depend on smaller political parties to pass important legislation

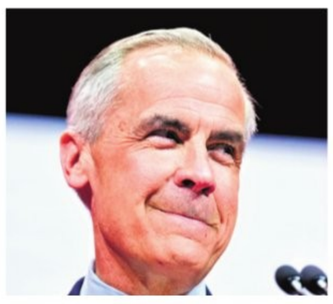
**TORONTO**

CANADIAN Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberals fell short of winning an outright majority in Parliament on Tuesday, a day after the party scored a stunning comeback victory in a vote widely seen as a rebuke of US President Donald Trump. The vote-counting agency Elections Canada finished processing nearly all ballots in an election that could leave the Liberals just three seats shy of a majority, which means they will have to seek help from another, smaller party to pass legislation. The Liberal party seemed likely to find the extra votes necessary, but it was not clear whether they would come from the progressive party, which backed the Liberals under former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, or from a separatist party from French-speaking Quebec.

Carney's rival, populist Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre, was in the lead until Trump took aim at Canada with a trade war and threats to annex the country as the 51st state. Poilievre not only lost his bid for prime minister Monday but was voted out of the Parliament seat that he held for 20 years.

That capped a swift decline in fortunes for the firebrand Poilievre, who a few months ago appeared to be a shoo-in to become Canada's next prime minister and shepherd the Conservatives back into power for the first time in a decade.

Poilievre, a career politician, campaigned with Trump-like bravado, taking a page from the "America First" president by adopting the slogan "Canada First." But his similarities to Trump may have ultimately cost him and his party.



> **We are over the shock of the American betrayal, but we should never forget the lessons. As I've been warning for months, America wants our land, our resources, our water, our country**
>
> Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada

The Liberals were projected to win 169 seats of Parliament's 343 seats while the Conservatives were projected to win 144. The separatist Bloc Québécois party was expected to finish with 22 seats, the progressive New Democrats with seven and the Greens with one. Recounts were expected in some districts.

Elections Canada said 68.5% of eligible voters cast ballots in the federal election — the highest turnout since 1993. In a victory speech, Carney stressed unity in the face of Washington's threats. "We are over the shock of the American betrayal, but we should never forget the lessons," he said. "As I've been warning for months, America wants our land, our resources, our water, our country," Carney added. *AP*

**EXPRESS READ**

### Iran, US set to have next nuke talks in Rome

Tehran: Iran announced that the next round of negotiations over its nuclear program with the U.S. will take place in Rome on Saturday. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi confirmed the talks, which will also include meetings with France, Germany, and the UK on Friday. Oman will mediate the discussions, following previous rounds held in Muscat and Rome. The goal is to limit Iran's nuclear capabilities in exchange for lifting US sanctions. Tensions remain high, with threats of airstrikes if a deal isn't reached, as Iran's uranium stockpile nears weapons-grade levels.

# Philippines, New Zealand sign pact amid South China Sea row

**MANILA**

THE Philippines signed a military pact with New Zealand Wednesday, allowing their forces to hold joint exercises as Manila continues to build security alliances as it faces an increasingly aggressive China in the disputed South China Sea.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr witnessed the ceremony in Manila, where Defence Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr and and his New Zealand counterpart, Judith Collins, inked the Status of Visiting Forces Agreement.

The treaty sets the legal framework to allow military engagements of both countries, including joint drills in each other's territory and other cooperative activities. It has been approved by New Zealand officials, but still needs to be ratified by the Philippine Senate for it to take effect.

China has frowned on the security alliances being pursued by the Philippines, one of the staunchest allies of the United States in Asia, under Marcos.

When the Philippines signed a similar agreement with Japan in July, China's Foreign Ministry said the region did not need 'military blocs, let alone small groupings that instigate bloc confrontations or a new Cold War.' Philippine officials said then that China has no business meddling with their domestic affairs. *AP*

# Coerced Ukraine set to sign mineral deal with US

**KYIV**

UKRAINE is ready to sign an agreement that would give the US access to its valuable rare minerals in the hopes of ensuring continued American support for Kyiv in its grinding war with Russia, senior Ukrainian officials said Wednesday.

Ukraine's economy minister and deputy prime minister, Yulia Svyrydenko, flew to Washington on Wednesday to help finalize the deal, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said during an appearance on Ukrainian television. Although the main part of the agreement had been settled, there were still hurdles to overcome, said a senior Ukrainian official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

For Ukraine, the agreement is seen as key to ensuring its access to future U.S. military aid. "Truly, this is a strategic deal for the creation of an investment partner fund," Shmyhal said. "This is truly an equal and good international deal on joint investment in the development and restoration of Ukraine between the governments of the United States and Ukraine."

US President Donald Trump indicated in February that he wanted access to Ukraine's rare earth materials as a condition for continued US support in the war, describing it as reimbursement for the billions of dollars in aid the U.S. has given to Kyiv. But talks stalled after a tense Oval Office meeting of US and Ukrainian leaders, and reaching an agreement since then has proven difficult and strained relations between Washington and Kyiv. It wasn't immediately clear if the Trump administration was also ready to finalize the deal Wednesday.

The US is seeking access to more than 20 raw materials deemed strategically critical to its interests, including some non-minerals such as oil and natural gas. Among them are Ukraine's deposits of titanium, which is used for making aircraft wings and other aerospace manufacturing, and uranium, which is used for nuclear power, medical equipment and weapons. Ukraine also has lithium, graphite and manganese, which are used in electric vehicle batteries. *AP*

# Trump's tariffs loom over economy as businesses cancel China orders

**WASHINGTON**

AMERICAN businesses are cancelling orders from China, postponing expansion plans and hunkering down to see what trade policy surprises President Donald Trump plans to spring on them next.

The president's massive and unpredictable taxes on imports seem likely to mean emptier shelves and higher prices for American shoppers, perhaps within weeks.

And the higher costs and paralysing uncertainty could exact an economic toll: US. Consumers are in the biggest funk since Covid-19 hit five years ago, and economists say recession risks are climbing.

An early sign of the damage emerged on Wednesday when the Commerce Department released its first look at first-quarter economic growth.

The US economy shrank 0.3% from January through March, the first drop in three years. Gross domestic product — the nation's output of goods and services — was down from 2.4% in the last three months of 2024.

Imports shaved 5% points off first-quarter growth. Consumer spending also slowed sharply. Separately, a report from payroll provider ADP showed that companies added just 62,000 jobs in April, about half of what was expected, and down from 147,000 in March. It's a potential signal that businesses may be taking a more cautious approach to hiring amid uncertainty over tariffs. Asked how much of deterioration in the world's biggest economy could be traced to Trump's erratic policies, Boston College economist Brian Bethune said: "All of it."

Shipping containers are seen ready for transport at the Guangzhou Port in the Nansha district in southern China's Guangdong province | AP

TARIFF TRACKER

As he promised on the campaign trail, Trump has upended decades of American trade policy. He's been imposing — then sometimes suspending — big import taxes, or tariffs, on a wide range of targets. He's currently plastered a 10% levy on products from almost every country in the world.

He's hit China — America's third-biggest trading partner and second-biggest source of imported goods – with a staggering 145% tariff. China has responded with retaliatory tariffs of its own – 125% on American products. *AP*

# Israel frees Gaza medic detained last month, nine other Palestinians

**DEIR AL-BALAH**

ISRAEL released a Palestinian medic who has been held prisoner since soldiers killed 15 of his colleagues last month and buried them in a mass grave in southern Gaza. He's one of 10 detainees released back to the Gaza Strip on Tuesday. Prisoners released by Israel have said they were ordered by Israel not to speak to the media and fear for their safety.

South Africa, a staunch critic of Israel, presents its arguments to the United Nation's International Court of Justice on Tuesday for a second day of hearings about Israel's legal responsibilities to ensure humanitarian aid to Palestinians in Gaza, where the aid system is nearing collapse. Israel's total blockade of Gaza — now in its second month — has cut off all food, fuel, medicine or any other supplies.

Israel is marking its Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of militant attacks. Fifty-nine hostages are still inside Gaza, of which around two dozen hostages are still believed to be alive. Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza has killed more than 52,000 Palestinians, according to the territory's Health Ministry. Among the Palestinians released Tuesday is Mohammad al-Sharif who was taken from Rafah. He said, "It felt like I got a new date of birth. While I was in captivity, I thought that I would not find any of my family members and relatives if I returned to Gaza." The 10 Palestinians released by Israel arrived at Aqsa Hospital in a Red Cross vehicle on Tuesday, where they were examined by doctors. Some of them said they had been held for around five or six months. *AP*

Asaad Al-Nsasrah, a paramedic whose colleagues were killed by Israeli army in southern Gaza, arrives at al-Aqsa Hospital in Deir al-Balah | AP

### 12 killed overnight as Israeli strikes in Gaza

Gaza City: At least 12 people including children were killed overnight in Gaza by Israeli strikes, hospital workers said Wednesday. The pre-dawn strikes hit three houses in the urban Nuseirat refugee camp, according to staff at the Al-Aqsa hospital, which received the bodies. Among the dead were three children, including two brothers whose bodies arrived in pieces, according to the hospital's morgue. Israel has carried out daily strikes on Gaza since ending its ceasefire with Hamas last month. The strikes come after more than two dozen people were killed earlier this week in Gaza City and Beit Lahiya.

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 572

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### Iran executes man convicted of spying for Mossad

Tehran: Iran executed on Wednesday a man it said worked for Israel's foreign intelligence agency and played a role in the 2022 killing of a Revolutionary Guard colonel in Tehran, the official IRNA news agency reported. The report identified the man as Mohsen Langarneshin and said he was hanged. It called him a "senior spy" for the Mossad who provided "technical support" in the assassination of colonel

ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION

# *Harvard vows reforms after reports of antisemitism, anti-Arab bias*

**WASHINGTON**

HARVARD University is promising to review its academic offerings and admissions policies in response to a pair of internal reports on antisemitism and anti-Arab prejudice at the Ivy League campus commissioned in the aftermath of last spring's pro-Palestinian protests.

Harvard released the reports on Tuesday while the university simultaneously battles the Trump administration over demands to limit campus activism — reforms the government says are necessary to root out campus antisemitism. The administration has frozen $2.2 billion in federal funding and Harvard responded with a lawsuit in a clash that is being watched closely across higher education. In a campus message, Harvard President Alan Garber said Harvard has made "necessary changes and essential progress" over the last year but promised further action.

"We will redouble our efforts to ensure that the University is a place where ideas are welcomed, entertained and contested in the spirit of seeking truth," Garber wrote.

Students, faculty and members of the Harvard University community rally | AP

Garber convened two panels to study campus antisemitism and anti-Muslim bias last year, with an initial round of recommendations released last June. The final reports total more than 500 pages and include dozens of recommended changes.

Harvard said it will begin implementing at least some of the recommendations, with potential updates to admissions, hiring and discipline systems.

US Rep. Tim Walberg, chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee, said Harvard's internal reports suggest it tolerated antisemitism. *AP*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The General Public are hereby informed that my client, **Sri. VEERENDRA,** Aged about 34 years, S/o Shivanagoudra Devareddy, R/at No. 35, Ward No.1, Near Water Tank, Mannapur, Itagi, Yelburga, KOPPAL 583 232 has intended to purchase the Residential Property bearing No. 24, BBMP EPID No. 8101256746, Old PID No. 96-246-24, situated at 2nd Cross, "GANGAMMA LAYOUT", Bengaluru, Formerly Guddadhahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder for valuable consideration from Sri. RAMAN KUMAR DAVASAM, Aged about 42 years, S/o D.V. Venkatanarayana Setty & Smt. RASHMI SATYANARAYANA BOKKASADA, Aged about 41 years, W/o Raman Kumar Davasam Both are R/at No. 4, 3rd Cross, Gangamma Layout, V. Nagenahalli Main Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru 560 032. Any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims to the undersigned along with the supporting documentary evidences **within 07 (Seven) days** from the date of this publication, and any objections or claims received thereafter will not be taken for consideration and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claimant/s or objections from any person/s.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Residential Property bearing No. 24, BBMP EPID No. 8101256746, Old PID No. 96-246-24, situated at 2nd Cross, "GANGAMMA LAYOUT", Bengaluru, Formerly Guddadhahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru, layout formed in Land bearing Sy. Nos. 14/1, 14/3 & 14/4 of Guddadhahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru, East to West: 30 Feet & North to South: 53 Feet, in all measuring 1590 Square Feet, comprised with Residential Building consisting of Ground, First & Second Floor, in all measuring 2600 Square Feet, presently within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 22-Vishwanatha Nagenahalli, and bounded by: **East by:** Rajanna's Property (Presently belonging to Sri Hapuram), **West by:** Kanthamma's Property (Presently belonging to Sri Chandru) **North by:** Nagappa's Property (Presently belonging to Sri Lokanath Reddy), South by: 20 Feet Road.

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Dt:30-04-2025
Bangalore

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the General public that my client Smt. Asha Amarnath, Wife of Sri. C.M.Amarnath, residing at No.279, MIG, CHS No.707, 4th Stage, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Bangalore 560064, being the full and absolute owner of the above mentioned property, has handed over the same to Mrs. Ishrath Fouzia, W/o Late Fairoz Khan, residing at No.23, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore 560 025, after entering into Agreement of Sale on 01.09.2023 which agreement came to be orally cancelled, but, however, Mrs. Ishrath Fouzia could not handover the original documents, she requested my client to pay a sum of Rs.20,00,000/- which my client paid and she agreed to receive the balance amount of Rs.20,00,000/- upon tracing the original documents and at the time of handing over the same to my client which she did not do so even to this date, and my client apprehends that Mrs. Ishrath Fouzia may try to fraudulently deal with my property referred to supra by defrauding the general public. My client has also lodged a police complaint on 18-04-2025 with Yelahanka New town police station, Bengaluru in acknowledgement reference GSC No.PO1356250600460 and Reference No.SHD-2025 obtained the proper acknowledgement pertaining loss of documents by Ishrath Fouzia i.e. (1) Sale Deed dated: 14-10-2005, registered as document No.YAN-1-07389/2005-06, (2) Deed of Absolute Sale dated: 07-04-2007, registered as document No.YAN-1-00123/2007-08, (3) Equitable Mortgage Deed by way of deposit of title deed dated: 23-09-2009, registered as document No.YAN-1-01083/2009-10, (4) Shara / Receipt dated:27-06-2019 registered as document No.YAN-1-03128/2019-20 (5) Uttarapathra dated: 02-07-2009 (6) Khatha Certificate dated: 07-07-2009 (7) Khatha Assessment dated: 01-07-2009 (8) Tax pad receipt and EC and other relevant documents. Therefore, the general public are hereby warned not deal with the below mentioned schedule with Mrs. IshrathFouzia or her family members and if any one deals with the same with Mrs. IshrathFouzia they shall be doing so at their own risk, costs and peril.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property No.279, MIG, CHS No.707, 4th Stage, Yelahanka Satellite Town, Bangalore 560 064, bearing Yelahanka City Municipal Council Khata No.439, measuring East to West : 17.40 metres and North to South : 7.50 metres, totally measuring 130.5 square metres or 1404.8 sq. feet, and bounded on the :-

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| EAST BY | : | 30 feet Road; |
| WEST BY | : | Site No.281; |
| NORTH BY | : | Site No.278; |
| SOUTH BY | : | Site No.280. |

**S.R.RAVISHANKAR,** Advocate,
No.21/2/99, 8th Cross, Orchard School Road, Vasanthapura Main Road, Konanakunte Cross, Bangalore-560 062.
MOB: 9448446795
Bangalore, Dated: 01.05.2025

**IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU**
**O.S. No. 1469/2020**

BETWEEN:
SMT. VEENA. B. A. & ANOTHER
....PLAINTIFFS
AND
SMT. LEELAMMA & OTHERS ....DEFENDANTS
**SUMMONS UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 (1-A) TO THE PROPOSED DEFENDANT No. 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14 & 18**

To,
**1.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 4:**
**M/S. MSR DEVELOPERS**
(Represented by its Managing Partner Sri. C.P. Maheshwara Reddy and Partner Sri. N. Venkata Rami Reddy) No. 79, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, 10th A Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560038, PAN–AAYFM9448C
**2.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 5:**
**SRI. C.P. MAHESHWARA REDDY**
S/o Sri. C.P.Venkataramana Reddy, Aged about 42 years, Managing Partner of M/S. MSR DEVELOPERS, No. 79, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, 10th A Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560038
**3.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 6:**
**SRI. N. VENKATA RAMI REDDY**
S/o Sri. Raja Reddy. N, Aged about 45 years, Partner of M/S. MSR DEVELOPERS, No. 79, 2nd Floor, 4th Cross, 10th A Main, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560038
**4.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 9:**
**SRI. CHELIKAM RAVICHANDRA REDDY**
S/o Sri. Chelikam Poli Reddy, Aged about 43 years, Residing at Flat No. 306, Shrihari Nivasam Apartments, Alpine Eco Road, Opp. Indira Canteen, Doddanekkundi Extension, Bengaluru 560037 PAN: AGAPC8103C, Aadhar: 8650 2239 5421
**5.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 10:**
**SRI. DHAKA RAJENDRA REDDY**
S/o Sri. Dhaka Krishnaiah, Aged about 43 years, Residing at Flat No. 105, Shrihari Nivasam Apartments, Alpine Eco Road, Opp. Indira Canteen, Doddanekkundi Extension, Bengaluru 560037 PAN: AIOPD7920L, Aadhar: 7404 2359 1067
**6.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 12:**
**SRI. RANJITH RALLAPALLI**
S/o Sri. R. Rajendra Naidu, Aged about 40 years, Residing at No. 37/7,Kanak Residency, Flat No. G005, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Roopena Agrahara, NGR Layout, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru 560058 PAN: APPPR5639Q Aadhar: 8671 7866 4533
**7.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 13:**
**SMT. HEMAVATHI.T**
W/o Sri. Ranjith R, Aged about 37 years, Residing at No. 37/7, Kanak Residency, Flat No. G005, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Roopena Agrahara, NGR Layout, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru 560058. PAN: AGUPH4964N, Aadhar: 5757 7184 4323
**8.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 14:**
**SMT. E. LAVANYA**
W/o Sri. B.Kodanda Reddy, Aged about 33 years, Residing at DK Krishnappa Building, 4th Cross, Krishna Nagar, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru 560036, PAN: ABXPE0934D, Aadhar: 4881 4297 6421
**9.PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO. 18:**
**SMT. P.V. HEMA**
W/o Sri.B.K. Harish, Aged about 48 years, Residing at No. 257, Balagere Village, Varthur Post, Bengaluru 560087, PAN: AHVPV3567F, Aadhar: 9465 8820 3367

The above named plaintiff has instituted suit in O.S.No.1469/2020 before the Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, at Bengaluru, against you for relief of partition, declaration, permanent and mandatory Injunction and other reliefs. The case is posted for hearing **on: 27-06-2025.** Therefore you are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Principal Senior Civil Judge, Bangalore Rural District, at Bengaluru, **on : 27-06-2025 at 11.00.a.m.**. in person or through a pleader duly instructed to answer the same without fail, failing which the case will heard and determined in your absence.

**SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY**

**Item No. 2 :** All piece and parcel of land bearing Sy no. 34/1 land measuring 1 acre out of 2 acre, 15 Guntas + Gunta (Kharab), situated at **Balagaere Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District:**
**East : Balance Portion of Sy No. 34/1's Land**
**West : Balance Portion of Sy No. 35/1's Land**
**North : Balance portion of Sy No. 34/3's Land**
**South : Balance portion of Sy No. 34/1's Land**
Given under my hand and seal of this court **28th day of April 2025.**

**By order of the Court,**
**Shersthedar**
**Prl. Senior Civil Judge,**
**Bangalore Rural District**
Address for Service :
**V. Raghuraman, Advocates**
**(V R Associates)**
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# BUSINESS

Market Watch

| MARKET | | | GOLD | | | SILVER | | | FOREX | | |
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| 46.14 ▼ | Sensex | 80,242.24 | ₹80 ▼ | 24 carat (10 gm) | ₹98,040 | ₹500 ▼ | 1 kg | ₹1,00,000 | ▼ Dollar | 85.05 |
| 1.75 ▼ | Nifty | 24,334.20 | ₹50 ▼ | 22 carat (10 gm) | ₹89,900 | ₹5 ▼ | 10 gm | ₹1,000 | ▼ Euro | 96.73 |

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LOSING SHINE
Record high prices dent gold demand by 15% in Q1 to 118.1 tonne
Prices in Q1 jump 22% to ₹94,030/10 grams
Jewellery demand down 15% YoY to 71.4 tonne from 95.5 tonne
Gold imports rises 8% to 167.4 tonne in Q1
Year-to-date prices up nearly 30%
Investment demand up 7% to 46.7 tonne
Global demand inches up 1% to 1,206 tonne in Q1
Average quarterly price at ₹79,633.4/10 grams in Q1 of 2025 as against ₹55,247.2 in Q1 of 2024
GOLD BRIEFLY CROSSED ₹1 LAKH MARK IN MID-APRIL

# High prices dent gold demand by 15% in first quarter

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

GOLD demand has plunged 15% year-on-year to 118.1 tonne in the March quarter, even as in value terms it grew 22% to ₹94,030/10 grams due to surging prices, according to the World Gold Council (WGC).

In April, the price crossed the ₹1 lakh-mark in the retail markets as international prices scaled to a record $3,500/ounce or for 28.35 grams. Given the price rally, the WGC forecasts that the country's gold demand in 2025 is expected to be 700-800 tonne.

Investment demand, however, remained resilient with a 7% rise to 46.7 tonne, up from 43.6 tonne in the corresponding period, WGC said. Jewellery demand declined by 25% to 71.4 tonne during the reporting quarter from 95.5 tonne in the year-ago period. This is the lowest volume since 2020, though value rose 3% YoY.

Gold imports rose 8% to 167.4 tonne in the March quarter, while recycling fell 32% to 26 tonne, as consumers held onto their gold amid record prices.

**Cultural significance of gold, ahead of Akshaya Tritiya , wedding season, continues to support the metal**

Sachin Jain, CEO, WGC India

The average quarterly gold price in Q1 was ₹79,633.4/10 grams as against ₹55,247.2 in Q1 of 2024. Meanwhile, global demand rose 1% to 1,206 tonne in the reporting period, the highest first-quarter level since 2019. Gold prices have risen over 25% since the beginning of 2025, after rallying over 32% by April as the US tariff developments, along with central banks' demand, boosted demand for the safe haven asset. In 2024, the metal had rallied 24%. "Elevated prices have impacted affordability. Yet, the enduring cultural significance of gold, especially ahead of Akshaya Tritiya and the upcoming wedding season, continues to support buying sentiment," WGC India chief executive Sachin Jain said on Wednesday.

As per experts, gold is humming with excitement on the auspicious occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, which holds cultural significance. Record prices have pushed consumers towards smaller, lightweight pieces, with some postponing purchases hoping for price dips.

# Shifting iPhone mfg to India not easy

India still dependent on Chinese components for assembly of electronic products: Analyst

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

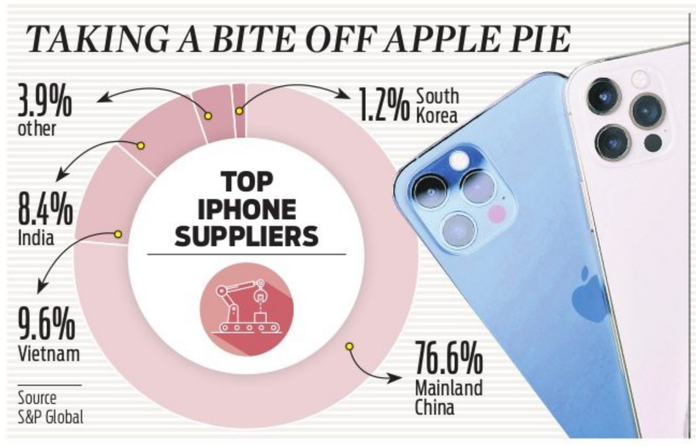
DESPITE euphoria surrounding a potential shift of iPhone manufacturing to India from China, experts seem to think otherwise, citing manufacturing difficulties. As per a S&P Global report, India will need to double shipments, either through new capacity or by redirecting shipments for the domestic market.

iPhones made in India are predominantly exported to the US. Total exports to the US was 82% of phones manufactured in India in the three-month period to February 28, 2025, S&P Global Market Intelligence data shows. That surged to 97.6% in March 2025 as a result of a 219% jump in exports, reflecting the firm looking to preempt higher tariffs. However, India manufactured iPhones account for only 8.5% of the phones sold in the US, with China accounting for three-fourth of the total sales.

As per S&P, iPhone sales in the US were 75.9 million units in 2024, while India-manufactured only 3.1 million units in March 2025. "This means India needs to double shipments either through new capacity or by redirecting shipments bound for domestic market." In both cases, India will have to be dependent on China for phone components, it added.

The major challenge in shifting iphone manufacturing to India is a dearth of components. India still depends heavily on imported components from China for its assembly of electronic products, says Nomura, which feels Chinese exporters could try to use India to reroute Chinese exports to the US. "China will not easily let entire iPhone manufacturing move to India. China will look for a strategic partner in some other country and reroute its products from that country to the US. This could be a Middle East country," says Faisal Kawoosa, founder of Techarch. As per a report by the Financial Times, Apple is planning to shift the manufacturing of all iPhones (over 60 mn) meant for sale in the US to India by next year.

Due to the trade war between the US and China, Apple is diversifying its iPhone production from China to India. The company started producing its devices in India through contract manufacturers, beginning with basic iPhones in 2017 and starting to make pro models in 2022. As per data, Apple assembled $22 billion worth of iPhones in India in FY25, marking a 60% rise over the previous year. This means Apple manufactures 20% iPhones in India. Currently, three major iPhone manufacturers in India -- Foxconn, which produces 67% of India's iPhone output; Pegatron, 17%; and Tata Electronics handling the remaining share. All of them source their components from China.




**INDIA OPERATIONS OF IPHONE MANUFACTURERS**

| | VALUE |
|---|---|
| iPhone Assembly Value in India (FY25) | $22 billion |
| Proportion of iPhones Made in India | 20% |
| Increase in assembly value (Year-on-Year) | 60% |
| Year iPhone production started (Basic) | 2017 |
| Year iPhone production started (Pro) | 2022 |

# AI reshaping tech landscape: Microsoft Prez

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

MICROSOFT is now home for India to build AI, said Puneet Chandok, President, Microsoft India and South Asia. Speaking at the IDC Pinnacle Summit 2025 held at Microsoft IDC campus in Hyderabad, Chandok said AI is reshaping entire technology landscape - Agents and Copilot are UI of AI, complemented with human ambition.

"Our Copilots come with IQ, EQ, AQ (agency), and memory. That's when the magic happens," he added. Jay Parikh, executive V-P, CoreAI, said their mission is to empower every developer, and eventually everyone, to shape future with AI. "Achieving that means moving fast, because AI is transforming everything: how industries operate, how we work, how data is stored, how companies are built and managed. It's a global shift, and it's accelerating rapidly — faster than most of us can comprehend," he said. With over 17 million developers on GitHub and an aim of becoming the world's largest developer community by 2028, India is rapidly emerging as a global AI and tech talent powerhouse.

# Trade war: US economy shrinks 0.3%

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA @ Washington

AMERICAN businesses are cancelling orders from China, postponing expansion plans and hunkering down to see what trade policy surprises President Donald Trump plans to spring on them next.

Massive and unpredictable taxes on imports seem likely to mean emptier shelves and higher prices for the US shoppers, perhaps within weeks. The higher costs and paralysing uncertainty could exact an economic toll: US consumers are in the biggest funk since COVID-19 hit five years ago, and economists say recession risks are climbing. An early sign of the damage emerged on Wednesday when the Commerce Department released its first look at first-quarter economic growth.

The US economy shrank 0.3% from January through March, the first drop in three years. GDP was down from 2.4% in the last three months of 2024. Imports shaved 5 percentage points off first-quarter growth. Consumer spending also slowed sharply. Asked how much of deterioration in the world's biggest economy could be traced to Trump's erratic policies, Boston College economist Brian Bethune said: 'All of it." As he promised on the campaign trail, Trump has upended decades of US trade policy. He's been imposing - then sometimes suspending - big import taxes, or tariffs, on a wide range of targets. He's currently plastered a 10% levy on products from almost every country in the world. He's hit China - America's third-biggest trading partner and second-biggest source of imported goods - with a staggering 145% tariff. China has also responded with retaliatory tariffs of its own - 125% on American products.

# CEAT plans ₹1k cr capex in FY26, sees double-digit growth

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

CEAT Ltd, one of the country's leading Indian tyre manufacturers, expects double-digit revenue growth in FY26 despite macro-economic and global challenges affecting the tyre industry.

"In the fiscal and the quarter (Q4FY25) gone by, we delivered double-digit growth. We would have grown higher than the industry in FY25. While there are some macro-economic challenges like the US tariff, we are again targeting double-digit growth in FY26," Kumar Subbiah, CFO of CEAT told TNIE. It reported a 14.3% YoY rise in Q4 revenue to ₹3,420.6 crore, up from ₹2,991.9 crore in the same quarter last year. However, net profit fell 8.4% to ₹99.5 crore as against ₹108.6 crore in Q4FY24. Despite this, CEAT's shares rose 8% on Wednesday, reflecting investor optimism.

**While there are some macro-economic challenges like the US tariff, we are again targeting double-digit growth in FY26**

Kumar Subbiah, CFO of CEAT

Subbiah highlighted strong growth in the replacement market (55% of revenue) and international business (20% of revenue) last fiscal. The company aims to increase its overseas revenue share to 25% in the next two years. For FY26, CEAT has earmarked ₹900-1,000 crore in capital expenditure, primarily for expanding passenger car tyre and truck/bus radial tyre capacities. This follows last year's capex of ₹946 crore.

**US exposure only 5%**

On US tariff concerns, Kumar Subbiah said CEAT's exposure to the United States market is below 5%, which will minimise the potential risks. However, he cautioned that the industry must monitor whether China increases tyre dumping in global markets.

On US tariff concerns, Subbiah said CEAT's exposure to the US market is below 5%, minimising potential risks. However, he cautioned that the industry must monitor whether China increases tyre dumping in global markets. "In India, we have anti-dumping duty, mainly in the truck and bus radial category. As far as the Indian market is concerned, we don't see a threat of dumping. However, if Chinese tyres flood into other markets where we are also computing, then we will have to assess the impact," he said.

# Federal Bank profit up 13.7% to ₹1,030 crore on fee income

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

KOCHI-based private sector lender Federal Bank on Wednesday reported a 13.7% year-on-year growth in net income at ₹1,030 crore for the March quarter, driven by all-round improvement in key metrics including an 8.3% growth in net interest income and a high double-digit growth in fee income.

Total income in the quarter grew 13.70% to ₹7,654.31 crore, of which the core net interest income rose 8.31% to ₹2,377.4 crore, CFO V Venkateswaran told reporters during earnings call from Kochi on Wednesday.

Fee income rose 30.11% to ₹800.47 crore from ₹615 crore in the year ago period, he said, adding despite falling interest regime, the net interest margin improved to 3.12% due to the strategic initiatives that the bank has taken. Gross NPAs fell to ₹4375.54 crore in Q4, or 1.84% of total advances from 2.13% a year ago, while net NPAs declined to ₹1,040.38 crore or 0.44% of total advances. In the year ago period, net NPAs stood at 0.60%, Venkateswaran said, adding this is the best asset quality in a decade.

While the balance sheet crossed the ₹5 lakh crore mark at ₹5.18 lakh crore, up 12.4% YoY, annual net profit rose to ₹4,052 crore. Of the total, deposits rose 12.32% to ₹2,83,647.5 crore and advances increased 12.15% to ₹2,34,836.4 crore and the total income for the year rose to ₹30,166.50 crore, up 19.4% from ₹25,267.53 crore.

Of the total advances, retail grew 14.50% to ₹77,212.2 crore, business advances grew 11.44% to ₹19,064.5 crore and commercial loans grew 26.76% to ₹27,199 crore. Corporate advances rose 8.39% to ₹79,773.8 crore and gold loans jumped a 20.93% to ₹30,505 crore, he said.

# Overall bank lending halves to 11% in FY25

BEN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

LED by a sharp plunge in retail credit, overall bank credit has more than halved to just 11% in FY25 from a high 20.11% in FY24.

Retail loan disbursals declined to 11.6% from a high 27.6% during the period the previous year, the latest Reserve Bank data showed.

Fall in credit disbursement is because lenders scaled down disbursements in the unsecured loans segment due to regulatory concern and the high base effect. The decline was led by a sharp fall in home loans growth to 10.7% YoY in FY25, down from 36.5% in FY24.

The latest data from the Reserve Bank show that the overall bank credit growth declined to 11% in FY25 from 20.11% in FY24. In absolute terms, bank lending grew by ₹18.11 lakh crore in FY25 as against ₹27.56 lakh crore in FY24. The data includes the impact of the merger of HDFC with HDFC Bank.

Credit to the agriculture and allied sector grew 10.4%, down from 20% in FY24; to the industry at 7.8% from 8.5%; and to services at 12.4% down from 23.5% a year ago.

Analysts attributed the sharp decline to the high base in FY24 and partly to the HDFC twin merger.

Worried over a possible bubble, the RBI had been repeatedly warning over the rapid growth in retail credit and rising defaults in unsecured loans. As a result it in November 2023 had hiked the risk weights for unsecured loans and bank credit to non-banks by 25 percentage points to 125% to contain risk in the system.

In the retail segment, home loans saw growth of 10.7% in FY25, down from 36.5% in FY24 while credit card outstanding growth was 10.6% as against 25.6%, and the vehicle loans growth declined to 8.6% from 17.6%.

Personal loans, which are mostly unsecured, grew by 7.9%, down from 20.7%. Growth in the gold loans vaulted to 103.5% from 14.8%. The sharp rise in gold loans is partly due to the reclassification of agricultural loans as gold loans.

# IOCL profit up 57.7% to ₹8,124 cr; signs LNG deal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

STATE-owned Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)'s consolidated net profit is up by 57.7% to ₹8,123.64 crore (attributable to the owners) in the fourth quarter of the financial year ending March 2025. Net profit was ₹5,148.87 crore for the same period last year.

However, sequentially, the oil marketing company's net profit rose 284% from the ₹2,115.29 crore profit recorded in the preceding quarter. Annual net profit stood at ₹13,597 crore, down 67% from ₹41,729 crore due to falling global crude prices. Gross refining margin – the revenue refiners accrue from transforming each barrel of crude oil into refined fuel products – stood at $7.85 per barrel (/bbl) in Q4, compared to $8.39/bbl in the corresponding quarter a year ago. The GRM for FY25 stood at $4.8/bbl, significantly down from $12.05/bbl in FY24.

This year, the chairperson of the company, Arvinder Singh Sahney, said its import from Russia is down to 22% of the crude bought by the company, down from 30% in FY24. He said that was not due to sanctions since sanctions only came into effect in January 2025. "The crude we are buying is totally on a commercial basis. This was a purely commercial decision," Sahney said. On the under-recovery, Sahney said the company has ₹19,000 crore as under-recoveries for the sale of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) for FY25.

## Business & Beyond

### Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Q4 net profit increases to ₹291.90 crore

Thoothukudi-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank has reported a net profit of ₹291.90 crore for the fourth quarter of FY25 on the back of continued growth in core lending and deposit businesses. The private sector lender had registered a net profit of ₹253.06 crore in the corresponding quarter of last financial year. For the year ending March 31, 2025, net profit surged to ₹1,182.61 crore, from ₹1,072.03 crore recorded last financial year. Total income for the January-March 2025 quarter went up to ₹1,542.06 crore, as against ₹1,417.61 crore registered in the year ago period. For the full year ending March 31, 2025, total income grew to ₹6,141.75 crore, from ₹5,492.85 crore registered in the year ago period. Total business of the bank rose to ₹98,055 crore for the year ending March 31, 2025, from ₹89,485 crore seen last financial year. Gross NPA as of March 31, 2025, fell to 1.25% from 1.44% recorded as of March 31, 2024. Net NPA as of March 31, 2025, stood at 0.36% as against 0.85% recorded on March 31, 2024 improving by 49 basis points.

### Uco Bank reports 24% rise in net profit to

State-run UCO Bank has reported a nearly 24% year-on-year (YoY) increase in consolidated net profit to ₹652 crore for the fourth quarter of financial year 2024-25 (Q4FY25). The bank's total business rose 14.12% YoY to ₹5,13,527 crore as of March 31, 2025. Gross advances increasing 17.72% YoY to ₹2,19,985 crore and total deposits expanded 11.56% YoY to ₹2,93,542 crore. The operating profit for the quarter reached ₹1,699 crore, registering a 33.48% YoY rise from ₹1,273 crore in Q4 FY24. The lender's bottomline stood at ₹526 crore in the corresponding quarter a year ago. The bank reported an improvement in asset quality, with both gross and net NPA ratios declining. As of March 31, 2025, gross NPA stood at 2.69%, down 77 basis points YoY, while net NPA reduced to 0.50%. "We plan to issue up to 270 crore shares of ₹10 each to further dilute the government's holding to 75% in FY'26," said UCO Bank MD and CEO ASHWANI KUMAR (*pic*).

### E-office system inaugurated in MSETCL by Chairman & MD

Mumbai: E-office system was inaugurated in Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL) by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar (IAS), Chairman and MD of MSETCL. On this occasion, Director (operations) Satish Chavan, director (projects) Avinash Nimbalkar, director (finance) Trupti Mudholkar, director (HR) Sugat Gamare, chief engineer Sunil Suryavanshi, Bhushan Ballal, Mahendra Walke, Piyush Sharma, Juilee Wagh, chief general manager (finance & Accounts) Mrs. Anju Gupta, Kishor Garud, Chief General Manager (Information Technology) Nagsen Wankhede, Superintendent Engineer (Civil) Sachin Khadgi, Nachiket Gade, Bhushan Salunkhe were present. E-office system was introduced to make administrative processes more efficient, transparent and dynamic by using modern technology. In the first phase, this system was launched for the federal office located in Mumbai and offices under Vashi Circle.

## *Cricket retained for 2026 Asiad in Japan*

The Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has confirmed that cricket will be a part of the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games to be held in Japan from September 19 to October 4. The call to retain cricket was taken during the meeting between the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and the organising committee (AINAGOC) earlier this week.

# 14 and famous, what coach feels

RR coach Dravid urges caution with respect to opener Suryavanshi's immediate future

**SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN**
@Chennai

RAHUL Dravid is as phlegmatic as they come. Almost all his responses are measured, concise. However, during Rajasthan Royals' successful run chase against Gujarat Titans a couple of days ago, the coach, his foot still in a cast after suffering a fracture, leapt out of his seat to applaud young Vaibhav Suryavanshi's daring 100. His ortho, if he had seen that video, may have left a stern voice note but physical inconveniences be damned.

Suryavanshi, just 14, was thrown in to do the deep end by the franchise after an injury to Sanju Samson. And the southpaw has not only met the challenge but has emerged as one of the franchise's better buys at the auction. Post his 100, the teen is now the talk of the cricketing world and has featured on primetime news reports from Australia to the US. The young opener has even found himself in a story posted by Australia's F1 driver, Oscar Piastri, on Insta. Such has been his impact.

But Dravid, who has had a ringside seat to Suryavanshi's development, has urged caution with respects to the hype that will undoutedly follow him from now on. "Recognising that it happens and putting a certain level of support around that and navigate that attention and allow him space to be a youngster," he said during a Star Sports Press Room interaction. "It is part of being a cricketer in this country, it is impossible to distance yourself from and (you tend to get) sucked into it."

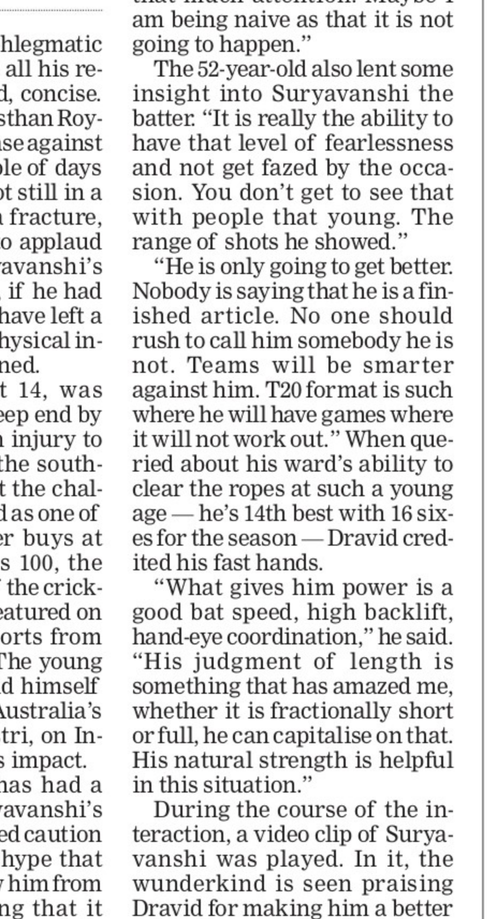
The former India coach, who has moulded many an Indian youngster including the likes of Shubman Gill and Rishabh Pant thanks to his U-19 days, knows a thing or two about shielding talents from the prying eyes of the wider cricketing world. "I think it won't be possible to completely sort of avoid him from the experience that is around him," Dravid said. "I can't control what people are talking about him. I have come to this interaction and all I have heard is questions about Vaibhav. It is going to be challenging for him but it is exciting at the same time. I would love to say that we should not shower him with that much attention. Maybe I am being naive as that it is not going to happen."

The 52-year-old also lent some insight into Suryavanshi the batter. "It is really the ability to have that level of fearlessness and not get fazed by the occasion. You don't get to see that with people that young. The range of shots he showed."

"He is only going to get better. Nobody is saying that he is a finished article. No one should rush to call him somebody he is not. Teams will be smarter against him. T20 format is such where he will have games where it will not work out." When queried about his ward's ability to clear the ropes at such a young age — he's 14th best with 16 sixes for the season — Dravid credited his fast hands.

"What gives him power is a good bat speed, high backlift, hand-eye coordination," he said. "His judgment of length is something that has amazed me, whether it is fractionally short or full, he can capitalise on that. His natural strength is helpful in this situation."

During the course of the interaction, a video clip of Suryavanshi was played. In it, the wunderkind is seen praising Dravid for making him a better cricketer over the last three months. But Dravid was having none of it. "The biggest credit goes to him. It would be wrong of me to take credit for him. He has come through a system (having played first class and India U-19. His father has been supportive. Here in Rajasthan Royals, so many people have been involved... he will be asked Dravid questions and he has to give a diplomatic answer."



India has seen its fair share of teenage starlets not living up to expectations. The onus now is on Rajasthan, Bihar, his state team, parents, and other stakeholders to guide him through the next few years.

# Ground report: Out of form, but not out of fans

**GOMESH S** @Chennai

"DOES that mean you are coming back next year as well," asked broadcaster Danny Morrison, indicating to the loud cheers from the stands of the MA Chidambaram stadium, as he spoke to Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni. The 43-year-old, in his typically witty manner, replied, "I don't know. I am coming for the next game."

It led to a comical moment at the toss, but as the camera panned, the one thing that was hard to miss was the number of empty seats in the stands. Now, it was a Wednesday, and on most weekday IPL games the crowd takes time to come in and fill the stands. On such occasions, how the stands look about an hour into the game gives a fair idea on what the attendance is going to be. And Chepauk, which can hold about 35,000 fans, has consistently seen an official attendance close to 30,000 or more. The SRH game saw about 32,770 fans fill the ground while on Wednesday, as many as 32,063 fans (according to official figures) had shown up till about 8.30PM.

CSK fans during the match against Punjab Kings on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

That being said, in the lead up to the game between CSK and Punjab Kings, one thing seemed clear. The ticket demand for the Chennai home games was not what it was a couple of weeks ago or how it was at the start of the season. In fact, till late on Tuesday night, the side's official ticket partner showed that the tickets were still available. Even hours before the game, several WhatsApp groups were flooded with messages of tickets being available at face value.

This lack of demand is a very un-Chennai like. In the past, the general frustration among fans has usually been about how hard it is to get a ticket. More often than not, they used to be sold out in the first hour upon release. It hasn't been the case this year and that has largely come down to the poor season the five-time champions have had so far. With just two wins in nine games, CSK are all but out of the tournament and that has reflected in the demand.

However, it has meant that fans who usually vent about how difficult it is to book a ticket online have gotten a chance to get a glimpse of Dhoni as well as their team in action. In fact, several fans outside the ground expressed their excitement on how CSK doing badly has made it easier for them to book tickets online.

Saravanan Elangovan, a fan who attended the Sunrisers Hyderabad game on April 25, echoed the sentiment. "The game against Kolkata Knight Riders was the last time tickets were sold within hours. From the SRH game, there is a big difference. I was able to see empty seats in KMK Stand even after the day bookings opened," he told this daily. "For this game (against PBKS), they even opened the G stand and until Tuesday night, the lower stand (₹4000) tickets were there for the taking. One of my friends called and said he is going to try and book for the Rajasthan game (May 12) since it has become easier to book online," he added.

While the demand seems to have gone down, the fact that 32, 000 fans showed up despite the disappointing season remains a motivation for the team and the players. After the loss against SRH, CSK head coach alluded to the hollow feeling within the group for letting down the fans. "I am really proud of the support we get and I am disappointed and heavy that this season has gone the way it has gone. So what they will get is an absolutely strong commitment that we will do everything in the next few matches to play well. We still want to win games, but we also will do everything we can to improve the squad, our philosophy and there will be no stone unturned in terms of our review and what we have done and what we need to do and that is a commitment that we will be back to make," Fleming had said.

# Shreyas on fire, CSK first to be knocked out

**ASHOK VENUGOPAL** @Chennai

SHREYAS Iyer has been a different beast this season. Everything seems to be going according to his will. On Wednesday, Shreyas demonstrated his form with a scintillating knock that helped Punjab Kings silence the crowd at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai during the ongoing IPL. Shreyas' 41-ball 72 helped Punjab beat Chennai Super Kings by four wickets and two balls to spare. While it was a treat for Punjab fans, it was just the opposite for the home crowd.

CSK had entered the contest with a goal to keep their slim hopes of playoff qualification alive. This latest defeat has meant that they are now out of the running to achieve that.

After a fairly slow start, Shreyas took the game away from the home side by hitting some sixes. He was making it look rather easy. By the time Shreyas departed, Punjab were near the finish line. Before Shreyas took centrestage, it was the openers, Priyansh Arya (23) and Prabhsimran Singh (54), who had laid the foundation. Prabhsimran, in particular, was lethal and hit as many as 8 boundaries (5 4s and 3 6s) before being sent back by Noor Ahmad.

| Team | M | W | Pts | NRR |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RCB | 10 | 7 | 14 | 0.52 |
| PBKS | 10 | 6 | 13 | 0.19 |
| MI | 10 | 6 | 12 | 0.88 |
| GT | 9 | 6 | 12 | 0.74 |
| DC | 9 | 6 | 12 | 0.48 |
| LSG | 10 | 5 | 10 | -0.32 |
| KKR | 10 | 4 | 9 | 0.27 |
| RR | 10 | 3 | 6 | -0.34 |
| SRH | 9 | 3 | 6 | -1.10 |
| CSK | 10 | 2 | 4 | -1.21 |

*Updated till CSK vs PBSK match*

Shreyas also managed to steal the limelight from Sam Curran, who had played an equally scintillating knock in the first innings. Curran's 47-ball 88, with support from Dewald Brevis, had filled the home side with plenty of optimism as they had managed to post their best total (190) at home this season.

Punjab Kings' Shreyas Iyer in action on Wednesday | ASHWIN PRASATH

The home team looked well poised to cross 200 too but once again, a flurry of wickets towards the end of the innings restricted them to below that psychological mark.

The fact that Curran could make the likes of Arshdeep Singh and Marco Jansen look like net bowlers spoke volumes of his domination. Mike Hussey, the batting coach, on Tuesday had insisted that youngsters will get more chances and play at a particular batting slot in order to gain experience. Curran continued to bat at No 3 and did not disappoint. Brevis was subdued a bit playing an anchor role, but just after the drinks break he was castled by Azmattulah Omarzai. By then, Curran and Brevis had added 78 runs in 50 balls for the fourth wicket. MS Dhoni, during his short stay, made 11 runs off four balls with the help of a boundary and a six. His six being a one-handed heave over mid-wicket off Yuzvendra Chahal.

The hosts' tail refused to wag and with as many as three of them not opening the account. Chahal, with his hat-trick, wiped out the hosts' tail and had figures of 4 for 32. This was the leg-spinner's second hat-trick. Put in to bat, CSK got off to a good start.

On the other hand, Punjab entered this crucial game with a big blow as they lost their experienced player Glenn Maxwell due to a fractured finger.

**Brief scores:** CSK 190 in 19.2 ovs (Curran 88, Brevis 32; Chahal 4/32, Arshdeep 2/25, Jansen 2/30) **lost to** PBKS 194/6 in 19.4 ovs (Shreyas 72, Prabhsimran 54; Khaleel 2/28).

## *In-form Mumbai look to hit six*

After the first couple of weeks, Mumbai Indians were struggling for points. Now, they are flying high and are one of the favourites for the Cup. Against Rajasthan on Thursday, they can win a sixth on the spin. A look...

**OPENING PARTNERSHIPS**

It has taken them a while but Rohit Sharma and Ryan Rickelton have struck up a fine understanding. Not in terms of running between the wickets but hitting boundaries, accessing areas and so on. In this winning streak, the openers have ensured good starts — 32 (in 3.5 overs), 63 (6.4), 13 (1.4) 33 (2.5) and 47 (5) — a lot of times. It's given a power-packed batting unit all the time in the world.

**VAIBHAV VS BOULT/ BUMRAH**

Vaibhav Suryavanshi's thrill-a-minute century against Gujarat Titans is still the talk of the town. What can he do against one of the finest new-ball attacks in the league? Both Trent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah will make it difficult for him in multiple ways. Can the southpaw ace this test as well?

**RR vs MI, Jaipur**
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# Sinner denies beneficial treatment

**AGENCIES** @Rome

JANNIK Sinner has insisted that he did not receive preferential treatment from anti-doping authorities as he prepares for his return to action at next week's Italian Open in Rome following a three-month ban which caused anger among a section of the men's tennis tour. Italian Sinner heads into his home tournament with some suspicion that the World No 1 was treated leniently after twice testing positive for traces of clostebol in March last year.

Both the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA), whose exoneration of Sinner was announced in August, and the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) accepted that he did not gain any competitive advantage from the banned substance. "I've been criticised for supposedly being treated differently (to other players who tested positive), but it's not true," said Sinner to public broadcaster *RAI*.

"I've had to go to a lot of hearings and they've probably tested me more than others.

"I don't want to respond to criticism, people are free to say what they want and judge people. What matters to me is that I known what I've been through, it was difficult and I wouldn't wish anyone to go through that as an innocent person."

## Ex-shooting coach Thomas no more

KOCHI: Former India shooting coach Sunny Thomas, under whose tutelage the sport achieved some historic highs including multiple Olympic medals, passed away on Wednesday after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was 84 and breathed his last in Kottayam where he was based. Thomas is survived by his wife KJ Josamma, sons Manoj Sunny, Sanil Sunny and daughter Sonia Sunny. The former shooter, who guided the Indian marksmen from 1993 to 2012, was a first-hand witness to several momentous occasions in the sport's history. He was bestowed with the Dronacharya Award in 2001 and was part of the coaching staff during the 2004 Athens Olympics where Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore became the first Indian to capture a Games medal in shooting with his silver in the men's double trap competition. National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo and 2008 Beijing Olympics gold winner Abhinav Bindra were among some prominent figures to pay their respects to Thomas.

**EXPRESS READ**

### India top Asian U-15 Boxing Championships

AMMAN: India topped the U-15 category by claiming a rich haul of 25 medals, including 10 gold, by women pugilists at the U-15 and U-17 Asian Boxing meet here. The women boxers secured 10 golds and four bronze medals across the 15 weight appearances, winning every title bout they contested in the finals. Khushi Ahlawat (35kg), Tamanna (37kg), Svi (40kg), were among gold winners.

### Superbet Rapid & Blitz: Pragg moves to 2nd spot

WARSAW: Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa climbed to second spot in the overall standings at the end of the first half of the blitz section in the Superbet Rapid & Blitz tournament, part of the Grand Chess Tour. Praggnanandhaa's efforts held him in good stead for a second day running. The Indian had not done well on the first two days of rapid chess but has come back strongly.

### Reliance relay team raises national bar

CHANDIGARH: Top sprinters from the Reliance team re-wrote the national record in the men's 4x100m national relay at the second Indian Open Relay Competition here on Wednesday. Gurindervir Singh, Animesh Kujur, Manikanta Hoblidhar and Amlan Borgohain crossed the finished line in 38.69 seconds, beating the previous record timing of 38.89 seconds that was set during the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

### 7 compound archers in TOPS core group

NEW DELHI: Seven compound archers, including Asian Games gold-winning duo of veteran Abhishek Verma and fast-rising Parneet Kaur, were on Wednesday inducted into the Sports Ministry's Target Olympic Podium Scheme's core group after the sport was made a part of the 2028 Los Angeles Games roster. The decision was taken at the Mission Olympic Cell's (MOC) 155th meeting here.

**CHAMPIONS LEAGUE**

# *Ous-mane of the hour: Dembele puts PSG on top versus Arsenal*

**AGENCIES** @London

PARIS Saint-Germain seized the advantage in their Champions League semifinal against Arsenal as Ousmane Dembele sealed a 1-0 win in the first leg on Tuesday.

Dembele struck in the opening minutes at the Emirates Stadium and Luis Enrique's side held on to the lead with a composed display that kept Arsenal at bay. PSG will head into the second leg at the Parc des Princes on May 7 as favourites to reach the final against Barcelona or Inter Milan as they look to win the tournament for the first time. But the French champions should take nothing for granted given their history of epic European collapses.

"We showed the kind of team we are. We tried to play our way and scored the goal early playing that way," PSG boss Luis Enrique said.

"We suffered sometimes but could have scored the second goal. The second match is going to be very tough."

Arsenal's first defeat in 18 home European matches was a painful blow to their own bid to win a first Champions League crown. Mikel Arteta had labelled Arsenal's run to the semifinals a "beautiful story".

The last chapter might make for frustrating reading, but Arteta insisted they aren't dead and buried just yet.

"We put so much into the game. It's half-time and we have a big chance to be in the final," the Gunners boss said.

"We struggled in the first 15 minutes to get momentum and dominance, but in the end I was disappointed not to get a draw at least. That's the margins, that's the level." The Gunners had beaten holders Real Madrid 5-1 on aggregate to reach their first Champions League semi-final since losing to Manchester United in 2009.

PSG's Ousmane Dembele (R) after scoring against Arsenal on Tuesday | AP

They could not replicate the swaggering display that blew Madrid away 3-0 in the first leg, despite a frenzied atmosphere as kick-off approached.

When Arsenal's players gathered for a pre-match huddle in the tunnel, Declan Rice implored his teammates to give everything as he roared: "If we don't have the ball we die."

But PSG had already eliminated Premier League champions Liverpool in the last 16 and Aston Villa in the quarter-finals, after coming back from two goals down to beat Manchester City in the league phase. Arsenal were the one English side they had failed to conquer, losing 2-0 in north London in October.

However, PSG were without the influential Dembele for disciplinary reasons on that occasion and Luis Enrique insisted his side were "more complete" seven months on.

Dembele took just four minutes to prove the point as the France star started and finished a ruthless raid.

**Tuesday's result (Semifinal, first leg):** Arsenal 0-1 PSG.

### Seeking Euro balm

Having put all their money in this competition, English clubs Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur will be hoping to rise to the occasion in their respective ties on Thursday. **Europa League semis (First leg):** Athletic Club vs Man United; Tottenham vs Bodo/Glimt.

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# Trailing the Tiger

A journey through Tipeshwar's wildlife sanctuary reveals how nature, community and history come together...

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**SRUSHTI KULKARNI**

WHILE safaris are usually considered a winter activity, this time we thought — why not flip the script and try it in the summer? And instead of heading to the usual suspects like Jim Corbett or Gir, we picked a lesser-known option, quieter and refreshingly untouristy — Tipeshwar in Maharashtra. At first glance, it might seem like just another wildlife sanctuary — a protected area where animals roam freely and humans get to marvel at them from a distance. But it's only when you're there, deep in the heart of it, that the real stories start to unfold.

For starters, we chose to stay close, at Tipai by Wildlife Luxuries — a villa-only boutique property that redefines safari living. Not only is it stunningly luxurious, but part of the resort actually falls within tiger territory. Yes, you read that right. While *nilgai* and wild boars are regular visitors, it's the birdsong outside your room and the thrill of possible big cat sightings that set it apart.

Just seven kilometres away lies the Sunna Gate of the *Tipeshwar Wildlife Sanctuary*, which spans over 148 square kilometres of deciduous forest. We set off early in the morning in our private open safari jeep (arranged by the property), and as we rolled through the dusty forest trails, our guide began to share the secrets of the jungle: tales of record sightings — six tigers in a single drive. Birders, too, flock here from far and wide, hoping to catch a glimpse of the elusive Indian pitta, a vibrant-coloured bird that migrates from the Himalayas. Perhaps the most riveting of all is the story of Avni, a tigress once part of this sanctuary, whose controversial life and tragic end inspired Vidya Balan's film *Sherni* (2021). That's the thing about Tipeshwar — it's not just about seeing animals. It's about understanding the land, the people who protect it and the creatures who call it home.

Once inside the gate, the first two minutes were all about soaking in the golden sunrise — until suddenly, we were jolted into reality. A herd of deer bolted across the road and in a blink, two of them leapt right over our jeep's bonnet, their hooves barely skimming the metal. It was like watching a live-action thriller and we had no idea what had them running for their lives — until we drove a few metres deeper into the jungle.

From the thickets of the dry bushes, a tiger emerged. Just minutes into our safari, and there it was — the majestic predator, effortlessly silent and close to the vehicle. Our guide, visibly excited, whispered, "You're lucky — that's a cub," before quickly adding, "which means the mother is around too." The forest suddenly felt still, yet thrilling. Then came the scent of a fresh kill. The theory? The cub had just finished its breakfast and was now casually making its way to the lake — the very one we were parked at — for a drink of water. Soon enough, another cub emerged — this one playful, tackling its sibling who was still standing and staring at us, perhaps a little wary of the unexpected human presence. And then, just seconds later, the queen herself appeared — the mother tigress. Since we were stationed by the lake, she chose a more discreet path, crossing the road ahead with her two young ones trailing behind. Growling at us, she led them into the thickets on the other side, vanishing into the forest, likely in search of a quieter spot where her family could enjoy their morning in peace.

Our guide, almost in disbelief himself, added that this particular tigress hadn't been sighted in months — and neither had her cubs. "She's a shy one," he said, "keeps away from the cameras and jeeps." Which made our encounter all the more special.

Shifting between terrains — from dry teak thickets to bamboo clusters, rocky hills and seasonal streams — this rich mosaic forms an ideal habitat not just for tigers, but also for leopards, sloth bears, hyenas and jackals. The name Tipeshwar comes from Tipai Mata, a Hindu goddess housed in a mountain-top temple that is also a part of the sanctuary's premises. The sanctuary's land once housed the Tipai tribal village, which was relocated in 2014 when the area was declared a protected zone. Additionally, the region was historically part of the Bhil and Gond kingdoms, which adds further cultural weight to the area's significance, showcasing the long-standing human presence and interaction with the forest.


**WESTERN RAILWAY-AHMEDABAD**

**VARIOUS WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH DOUBLING OF SABARMATI-SARKHEJ SECTION**

**Dy.Chief Engineer (Construction) III,** Western Railway, Ahmedabad for and on behalf of President of Union of India, issued E-Tender Notice as under: **(1) Name of work with its location: E-Tender Notice No. Dy.CE(C)III/ADI/SBI-SEJ/01 (RI-1) :** Earthwork in formation, Blanketing, Trolley refuges and construction of Major Bridges, Minor Bridges, RUBs/LHSs and Railway Flyover (including misc. works like pitching, toe wall, floor protection), construction of building structures, passengers platforms, circulating area, construction of LC gate lodges, LC roads, laying and linking of Broad Gauge main line, loops lines including Points and Crossings, tamping of track, destressing of LWRs, transportation of P. way material, supply and Stacking of stone ballast and other related Civil Engineering works, Signalling & Telecom, Electrical and TRD works required for the successful completion of work from Sabarmati D Cabin (including) to Sarkhej (including) in connection with Doubling of Sabarmati - Sarkhej section of Bhavnagar Division on Western Railway. **(2) Approx. Cost of the Work:** ₹ 144,49,02,945.00 **(3) Earnest Money to be deposited:** ₹ 73,74,500.00 **(4) Completion Period:** 24 (Twenty Four) Months **(5) Bid Due date:** 20-05-2025 at 15:00 Hrs. **(6) Physical submission of Original BG of Bid Security:** upto 19-05-2025 upto 18:00 Hrs. **(7) Opening of Technical Bid:** 20-05-2025 at 15:30 Hrs. **(8) System of Tender:** Two Packet System **(9) A Certificate must be submitted by all tenderers as given in Annexure-V. Based on which eligibility of tenderers will be evaluated. (10) Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office: Website: www.ireps.gov.in** Office of Dy.Chief Engineer (Construction) III, Western Railway, 2nd Floor, "A" Wing, Nirman Bhavan, Opp. GCS Hospital, Asarva, Ahmedabad-382345. CPM-002

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**CORRIGENDUM**

Corrigendum to **Tender Notice No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-25-25, dated 01.04.2025** published earlier by Divisional Railway Manager, Adra, S.E. Railway. Due to administrative reasons, the **closing date** of above Tender scheduled on 30.04.2025, is rescheduled on **15.05.2025.** All other terms & conditions of original Tender Notice shall remain unchanged. **(PR-101/C)**



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**IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU**

No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

**O.A. No.145/2024**

**Between: Canara Bank ,** Kurubarahalli Branch **....Applicant**

**And**

**M/s. Weldsmart Engineering ...Defendant**

**SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION**

**To : M/s. Weldmart Engineering,** Represented by **its Proprietrix, Mrs. Ranjeetha K.,** D/o. Kuppuswamy, Having its Business at 2nd Cross, 1st Main, Spice Road, Kempamma Layout, Bangalore - 560 096.

Also at : No. 23, 24th Main, Pipeline Road, J. C. Nagar, Bangalore -560 086.

**Whereas,** the Applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.22,20,777.91** (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Seven and Paise Ninety One Only ) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **08.08.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 26.02.2025.

Sd/- Registrar

Debts Recovery Tribunal -I , Bangalore

Advocate for Applicant Bank

Prakash Hegde K.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Under instructions my client **Sri. H.Y. Lokesh** S/o Late. H.A.Yarrappa aged about 55 years R/at No. 275 Chena Keshava Nilaya, Madapatna village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban district. My client and his family members, partitioned the ancestral properties On 25/08/2008, the said partition deed registered before the office of the sub- register Bannerugatta Vide Document Book No.1, Document No. JGN-1-01616/2008-09 in C.D.No. JGND 29 Dated 25-08-2008. On the said partition my client H.Y. Lokesh share mentioned in the I Schedule on the basis of partition deed old Sy No. 270, New Sy No. 270/3 extent 22 guntas situated at Haragadde Village and Sy No. 136/2 measuring 1 acre 8 ½ guntas situated at Jigani Village and others properties fallen to share of H.Y. Lokesh. On the basis of partition deed Katha, Pahani and Survey Sketch and other documents transferred in the name of H.Y. Lokesh Recently Dated 21/04/2025 the said partition deed Katha, Pahani and Survey documents was lost, for the above reason my Client lodged a complaint on 25/04/2025 before Jigani police. If any one finds the above document, Please contact H.Y. Lokesh or the below stated address of Advocate with in 7 days

**C. VIJAYA KUMAR**, Advocate
No.1, Yellappa Building, Near Dr. Mohan Clinic, Attibele Road, Anekal Town, Bengaluru District



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the General Public that my client, Sri Suresh H. Rayappa, residing at No. 13960, Acoro Street, Cerritos, CA 90703 USA, has revoked the GPA dated 02.11.2017 which was executed in favour of Sri Bharath K. S/o, Sri Krishnappa vide, Revocation of General Power of Attorney dated 20.03.2025. Sri Bharath K has already been intimated about the revocation of the said GPA by my client. This revocation of G.P.A shall be conclusive for all purpose, and is binding on every person or entity who deals with the said attorney based on GPA dated 02.11.2017 which now stands fully revoked, cancelled and void. Any person/s or entity who choose to act based on the said revoked GPA with the said attorney holder, shall be doing so at his own cost and consequences and that my client shall not be liable for any such act carried out by the said Attorney holder in violation of the Revocation of General Power of Attorney dated 20.03.2025.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 26/04/2025

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**Anitha Nittor, Advocate.**
741/742, 2nd main, E-Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru -560010
Mob: 9448091496



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| Specification No. | Tender Inviting Authority | Name of the Work |
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| T-2319 | SE / Transmission-II | Procurement of 150 nos of 110V DC Indoor Control and Relay Panels for Twin Feeder Breakers |

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client is **SRI. SRINIDHI. V. R.**, S/o. S. Ramanna, aged about 28 years, residing at Vabasandra Village, Hulimangala Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru – 562106, has lost the original Gift Deed documents dated 19/04/2025, registered in the Office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Anekal. The said Gift Deeds were executed by Mr. Padmanadha Rao and Mrs. Suguna. R, Mr. Ramprasad. P, Ms. Suma. P, and Ms. Latha. P is in favour of my client. One of the Gift Deeds pertains to agricultural properties bearing Sy. No. 62, measuring 5 acres 10 guntas, including 03 guntas of "A" Kharab, and Sy. No. 54, measuring 07 guntas, both situated at Vabasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and registered as Document No. ANK-1-00401/2025-26. The other Gift Deed pertains to the land bearing Sy. No. 22/3, measuring 01 acre (undeveloped converted land), situated at Vabasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, and registered as Document No. ANK-1-00400/2025-26.

The documents went missing on 25/04/2025 while my client had parked his vehicle on Chunchaghatta Main Road near Vinayaka Residency, and upon returning, he noticed that the car window had been opened and the said documents, along with other documents and revenue records, ₹12,000/- in cash, and an Axis Bank ATM card, were missing.

Despite diligent search, the said documents could not be traced, and accordingly, my client has lodged online complaints before the Konankunte Police Station vide Lost Report Nos. 1584920/2025 and 1584918/2025, and has also submitted a written complaint at the police station, acknowledged under LPT No. 354/2025.

If any person finds the above-mentioned documents, they are requested to hand them over to the undersigned. Despite this public notice, if anyone misuses the said documents, my client shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever, and no person shall acquire any right, title, or interest in the property mentioned therein. Any person who is in possession of the aforesaid documents is hereby called upon to return them to the undersigned within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of this publication.

**SCHEDULE**

1. Agricultural property bearing Sy. No. 62, measuring 5 acres 10 guntas (including 03 guntas of "A" Kharab), situated at Vabasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on:-

**EAST BY** : Land belonging to Ashwathappa and Gramatana,
**WEST BY** : Land bearing Sy. No. 63,
**NORTH BY** : Land bearing Sy. No. 74,
**SOUTH BY** : Land belonging to V. S. Subba Rao and H. R. Ravichandra.

2. Agricultural property bearing Sy. No. 54, measuring 07 guntas, situated at Vabasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on:-

**EAST BY** : Land belonging to Veerabadrappa, Ajjappa and Abbaiah,
**WEST BY** : Land belonging to Ramaiah, Ashwathappa and Jayamma,
**NORTH BY** : Basaveshwara Temple and Land bearing Muniyappa,
**SOUTH BY** : Inam Land of Basaveshwara.

3. Undeveloped converted land bearing Sy. No. 22/3, measuring 01 acre, situated at Vabasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District and bounded on:-

**EAST BY** : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 22/3,
**WEST BY** : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 22/1,
**NORTH BY** : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 14 and
**SOUTH BY** : Remaining Portion of Sy. No. 22/3.

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Email ID: deepakgowdaadvocate@gmail.com



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**DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**
**OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, BARIPADA IRRIGATION CIRCLE**
**AT/PO:TAKATPUR, BARIPADA, DIST:- MAYURBHANJ, Mail Id- sebicbpd@gmail.com**
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**Notice No. ACEBIC / BLS-01/2025-26**

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| Sl. no. | Name of work | Bid identification no. | Estimated Cost | Bid Security/ E.M.D |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Restoration & Protection to Kansabansa left embankment near village Banisia, Patana, Kanta Banki & Palapur | 01/25-26 of ACE/BIC | Rs.3,98,59,829.00 | Rs.3,98,600.00 |
| 2 | Restoration & Protection to right bank of river Subarnarekha near village Dhitpura | 02/25-26 of ACE/BIC | Rs.3,96,33,463.00 | Rs.3,96,400.00 |
| 3 | Restoration & Protection to right bank of river Sono near village Nalapatana, Mandarpur & Udambar to Kathsagada | 03/25-26 of ACE/BIC | Rs.4,60,36,785.00 | Rs.4,60,400.00 |
| 4 | Improvement and Protection to Gadasahi Baliapal TRE from Gosainpatana to Gadasahi Baliapal | 04/25-26 of ACE/BIC | Rs.1,70,45,539.00 | Rs.1,70,500.00 |
| 5 | Restoration & Protection to right scoured bank of River Subarnarekha near village Kulhachada. | 05/25-26 of ACE/BIC | Rs.4,72,73,221.00 | Rs.4,72,800.00 |
| 6 | Restoration & Protection to left bank of River Subarnarekha near village Kothsahi. | 06/25-26 of ACE/BIC | Rs.3,97,73,553.00 | Rs.3,97,800.00 |

**General instructions for all 06 nos. of works**

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| 1 | Period of Completion | For sl. no.(4) - 9 (Nine) Calendar Months |
| | | For sl. no.(1),(2),(3),(5),(6) - 12 (Twelve) calendar Months |
| 2 | Class of Contractor | For sl.no.(4) - "A" Class & "B" Class |
| | | For sl. no. (1),(2),(3),(5),(6) - "A" Class |
| 3 | Date & Time of availability of bid document in the portal | 01.05.2025 at 10.00 AM |
| 4 | Last date/time for receipt of bid in the portal | 19.05.2025 up to 5.00 PM |
| 5 | Date of opening of bid | 20.05.2025 at 11:00 A.M. |
| 6 | Name & Address of the O.I.T | Additional Chief Engineer, Baripada Irrigation Circle, AT / PO- Takatpur, Baripada, Dist.-Mayurbhanj |

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OIPR- 32162/11/0005/2526 **Sd/- Additional Chief Engineer, Baripada Irrigation Circle, Baripada**



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**IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU**

No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

**O.A. No.967 OF 2024**

**Between: Canara Bank,** Ashoka Piller Branch, Bangalore - 560 004 **...Applicant**

**And**

**M/s. Chefie Foods & Beverages And Others ...Defendants**

**SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993**

**To:**

**Def: 1. M/s. Chefie Food & Beverages Pvt Ltd.,** No. 157, Shop No. 7, 2nd Cross, Yellukunte Road, Sector-III, HSR Layout, Bangalore - 560 068, Represented by its Director Sri P. S. Raghavendra & P. R. Rakshith

**Def: 2. Sri P. S. Raghavendra** S/o. Sri Sadashivaiah, aged about 62 years,

**Def: 3. Mr. P. S. Rakshith** S/o. Sri P. S. Raghavendra , aged about 30 years.

Defendant No. 2 & 3 are Residing at, Flat No. 201, " Nithyashree Sankalp Apartments", 2nd Main Road, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore - 560 061.

**Whereas,** the above named Applicant has instituted an Application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the Defendant for recovery of a sum of **Rs.33,51,577/-** along with interest at 13.05 % p.a. from the date of application till date of recovery. You are required to show cause within 30 days of the service of the summons or on **21.07.2025 at 10.30 A.M.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that, in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **06th day of March 2025 at Bangalore.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I, Bangalore- 560 001



**IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, AT BENGALURU**

No. 1, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore - 560 001

**O.A. No.1047/2024**

**Between: Bank Of Baroda,** Dollars Colony Branch **....Applicant**

**And**

**Smt. Sofia Samuel and Anr. ...Defendants**

**SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANTS THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION**

**To : Defendants No. 1 & 2**

**1.Mrs. Sofia Samuel** W/o. Samuel Paul, Aged about 52 Years,

**2. Mr. Samuel Paul** S/o. Paul Thomas, Aged about 58 Years

Both are R/at No. 60/1, Manasaba Palace, Flat No. 102, 2nd 'B' Cross, Sulthanpalya, Bangalore - 560 032.

**Whereas,** the Applicant Bank has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for the recovery of sum of **Rs.28,80,108.58** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Eighty Thousand One Hundred and Eight and Paise Fifty Eight Only ) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You hereby required to show-cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **07.08.2025 at 10:30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in default of appearance, on the day mentioned hereinabove, the proceedings will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on 25.02.2025.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -I , Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Prakash Hegde K.



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The name 'Pluto' was officially proposed for the newly discovered dwarf planet by Vesto Slipher in the Lowell Observatory

**NAMING THE PLANET**

On this day, in 1930, Venetia Burney of Oxford, England, suggested to her grandfather that the new discovery be named after the Roman God of the underworld

**MAN BEHIND DISCOVERY**

After spending nights at the telescope exposing photographic plates and scanning for signs of a planet, Clyde Tombaugh saw what he was looking for

**FURTHER CLASSIFICATION**

Pluto and Eris belong to the dwarf planet category as they have not cleared the neighbourhood around their orbit

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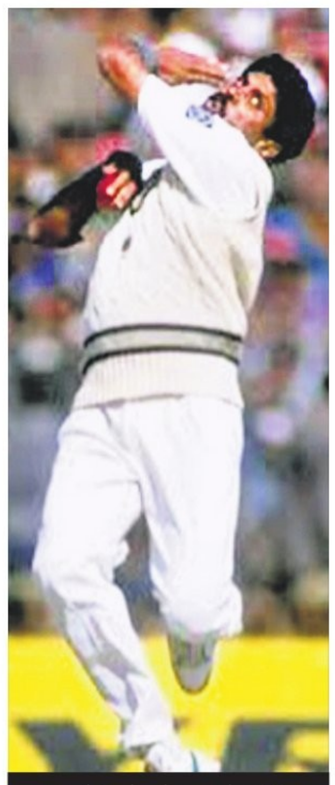

Kapil Dev bowling at the 1983 World Cup in which he captained the Indian team to its first World Cup victory

# 'PAST IS GONE, YOU HAVE TO MOVE ON'

Cricketing legend Kapil Dev, the 1983 World Cup champion, talks about moving on from cricket, the gender-inclusive nature of golf and his hopes for the future of the sport during his visit to the city

Kapil Dev golfs at the Kapil Dev Grant Thornton Invitational (KDGTI) tournament held recently

**ANUBHAB ROY**

AS a country whose lifeblood is cricket, India has had a long list of cricketers who have made the country proud. The pantheon is too big and too glittered – such is the immensity of quality, that cricketers in the country seem to suffer daily from 'good' not being good enough. In the long list, many stand out; from the master blaster on the West coast to 'dada' in the East. However, among these stalwarts, few have had a legacy as enduring in the public imagination as **Kapil Dev**. The 1983 World Cup winner dons a different attire now – that of a golfer's.

Dev, currently the president of the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI), was in the city to inaugurate the Kapil Dev Grant Thornton Invitational (KDGTI) tournament. The legendary all-rounder, who is all in on this new chapter, seems to have little room for anything besides his current, enthused preoccupation. "The past is gone, you have to move on. Today is the most important day and we should want to grow from here, strand by strand. You don't have to talk about your success, what you did in your younger days. That's the way I live my life," he remarks. Interestingly, the KDGTI is the first Indian tournament of its kind to have men and women compete jointly, establishing a landmark moment for the sport in the country. Dev cannot help but point out the very special circumstances of the sport that allows such a format, it being an inclusive system for most ages and body types. As he says, "This is the first time we are doing something like this. We have a few mind sports where people [of various genders] come out and play. But as far as physical sports are concerned, this is the only game in this world where men and women can compete from the same point." Dev, who knows all too well the importance of self-motivation, continues, "Beyond each other, on the course, you are playing against yourself – playing against the course; and that's the beauty of this game."

Coming from a different, distant generation, Dev enjoys a great contextual vantage point from which to survey the growth of the culture of sports in India. While it may seem like every second parent centres their child's life around academics, things were indubitably worse. Dev, who was amongst the ones more fortunate, recalls, "Those times were different. I come from a joint family; my parents didn't have much time. We were seven brothers and sisters who looked after each other. My parents only said one thing, 'Baba, if you can't study, go and play, become something.' I think the challenges in India today are different."

When asked about the parallels to his successes in the two fields, Dev is succinct, focusing on the psychological aspect. "Commitment, dedication and discipline. Doesn't matter what you do, that is the mantra of life. You have to be committed to the cause. Rest, you leave it to the almighty," he asserts. When it comes to golf's inaccessibility as a sport to the middle class, he is more hopeful than not. "Cricket was once inaccessible too, and only the royalty were able to play. Today, everybody is playing. It is the same thing with golf. Give it 10 years' time, every city will have a golf course," Dev concludes with confidence.

Known for the #meninskirts movement, dancer and choreographer Jainil Mehta, is set to perform his dance production, *Sam-Aaj* dealing with love, identity and acceptance

# Dancing against odds

Captures from a performance of *Sam-Aaj*

**ANJALI RAM**

When art often mirrors society in its purest form, change towards a better world is not a dream so far away. For **Jainil Mehta**, a renowned dancer and choreographer, dance as a form is a powerful tool to reflect on society and explore themes like community and identity through simple yet powerful narratives. Known for his revolutionary #meninskirts [dance] movement showing him dancing in the streets of New York wearing a skirt (which took social media by storm), Mehta is ready to set the stage on fire with his new dance production, *Sam-Aaj*.

*Sam-Aaj* is a culmination of two words that correlate to the characters Samir (played by Mehta) and Miraaj (played by Shubham Mahawar). "*Sam-Aaj* is broken up into two words 'sam' as in 'balance' and 'aaj' meaning 'today', which talks about how we change over time as individuals; we grow as individuals, we grow in relationships and sometimes we grow out of relationships. This change is inevitable," he reveals. Blending poetry, music, movements and a story, *Sam-Aaj* is more than a mere dance performance but a dance narrative. "Art is boundless, it includes all points of view, from religious, political, social, and psychological perspectives. I have interacted with so many people: my family, my friends and from their experiences, I have built this beautiful story."

From his early childhood days when he used to dance, wrapping his mother's saree, to now, Mehta has come a long way. "When I was a child, I used to steal mom's clothes, lock myself up in the room and dance. That came alive when I was around 20 [when the #meninskirts video went viral in 2022]. I always loved the flair and grace of skirts and the fabric so I wanted to use it in my dance. Suddenly, it blew up," Mehta shares, recounting his #meninskirts movement. According to Mehta, the movement helped him embrace his imperfections and boldness, eventually leading to the creation of *Sam-Aaj*.

Dancer Jainil Mehta

With the performance, Mehta hopes to deliver a warm feeling to the audience. "I wanted to leave people with a cosy feeling and I want to talk about finding balance in our everyday lives," he confides. He also hopes to convey a simple message on love and acceptance.

The touring journey so far has been anything but smooth with disruption from conservative forces. "We had a protest from RSS organisations in Jaipur, saying that it [the theme of the production] is not a part of the Indian value system and the sanskriti of India, so the theatre had to cancel," he reveals, adding, "But we did perform at the Jaipur Jantar Hostel. The response has been absolutely positive." Despite these challenges, he hopes Bengaluru will embrace the production. "Bengaluru is an experimental hub for art, I'm hoping that the audience welcomes us with open arms," he concludes.

*(Sam-Aaj will be held on May 3 at Medai-The Stage, Koramangala, at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at ₹699, allevents.in)*

**KNOW YOUR CITY**

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY**

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

**THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE**

1) Vidhana Soudha
2) South Parade
3) Sydney Road

**FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT**

1) Mohana Prasad
2) Meenakshi Aravind
3) Sona George

**CITY READ**

### Educational institute hosts semiconductor industry conclave

BMS Institute of Technology and Management, Yelahanka, recently held Silicon Synergy 2025, a semiconductor industry conclave and expo, to foster collaboration between academia and the semiconductor industry. The event welcomed Satya Gupta, founder of IESA, EPIC Foundation, and president of VLSI Society of India to be the chief guest. It also included four technical panels featuring more than 20 experts and industrial product exhibitions, acting as a gateway for staff and students to get an insight into industry trends and R&D collaborations. In his keynote address, Gupta emphasised the need for academic institutions to continuously evolve and align with industry trends.

**UPENDRA AND NAGANNA REUNITE FOR *BHARGAVA***

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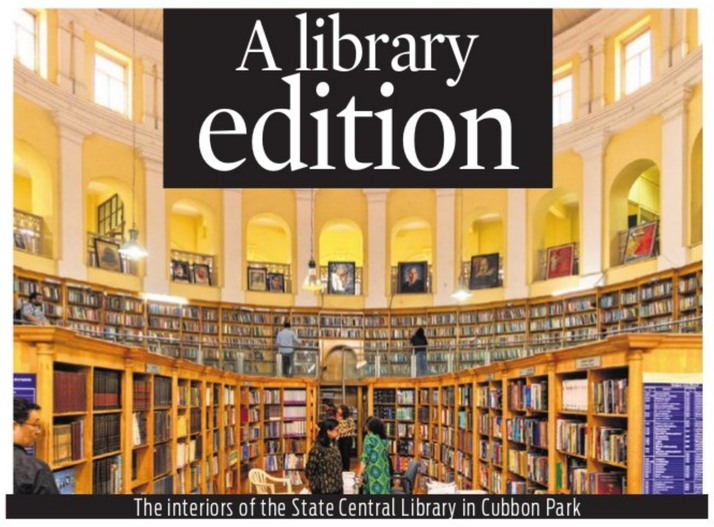
AN UPCOMING WALK ON SATURDAY WILL TAKE BENGALUREANS THROUGH THE CITY'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES – FROM HISTORIC TO NEWER ONES

# A library edition

**MAHIMA NAGARAJU**

WHILE Bengaluru has maintained a reputation for being a city of bibliophiles, in the age of e-books and online bookstores, the habit of visiting a public library to search for the answer to a question that eludes you, or borrow a new release, is not something most people do. Many young or new Bengalureans may also not have visited the city's many historic libraries. It is this that the public library walk conceptualised by The Indian Institute of Human Settlement (IIHS) and supported by Goethe-Institut hopes to change. "With changing circumstances and people talking about war, the economy and a lack of jobs – libraries are always everyone's last priority. When bookshops or libraries are closed, people show so much disappointment, but they're closing because people are not coming," says Sheshagiri Kulkarni, the Head of Information and Library at Goethe-Institut. He adds, "It's about exposing people to libraries so they are used and to cultivate reading habits. Many come back and get a library subscription after attending a walk"



The interiors of the State Central Library in Cubbon Park

The walk, which starts with breakfast at Goethe-Institut, will lead participants to The State Central Library, The Mythic Society Library, Alliance Francaise's library, and finally concludes with lunch at the IIHS, with librarians guiding participants through the libraries, walking them through collections and explaining the curation process. "Librarians will explain in detail about the collections' histories, they take you around the shelves, show you how to locate the collections, and (in Seshadri Memorial Library/State Central Library) introduce you to their curated collections which are constantly adding new books – specifically on Bengaluru and its history, with maps and other elements. We spend about half an hour to 45 minutes in each library," explains Kulkarni.

While the walk is not a historical one, with three of the libraries being historic landmarks, previous adventures have led to them getting to see forgotten parts of these landmarks. "Seshadri Memorial Library has a history going back to 1915 with a foundation stone erected when construction began. We went looking for it with help from the library staff and found it in a gated part of the premises," recalls Kulkarni. Others have discovered libraries that they didn't realise they walked past every day, as Kulkarni adds, "There were many people on our last walk who walked past The Mythic Society Library every day and didn't realise the treasure that was there inside."

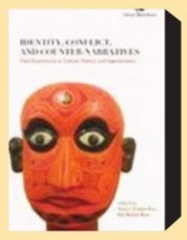
*(The walk will start at The Goethe-Institut, Indiranagar at 9.30am and conclude at 2pm. Entry is free. For more details log onto library.iihs.co.in)*

## BOOK NOOK

### Songs Our Bodies Sing

**By Lindsay Pereira**

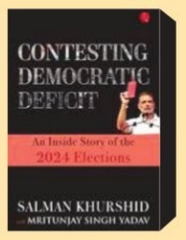
The stories of *Songs Our Bodies Sing* are set at points of intersection. What they reveal are commonalities rather than differences, with protagonists on opposite sides of an imaginary divide, trapped in boxes of their own making.



### Identity, Conflict, and Counter-narratives: Dalit Experiences in Culture, Politics, and Stigmatisation

**By Yagati Chinna Rao and Raj Sekhar Basu**

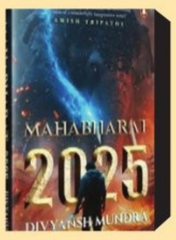
Exploring the diverse facets of the history and cultural experiences of Dalits, the book studies how this multiplicity aids our understanding of what it means to be Dalit.




### Contesting Democratic Deficit: An Inside Story of the 2024 Elections

**By Salman Khurshid and Mritunjay Singh Yadav**

The authors begin by reflecting on a nation gripped by disillusionment – where economic disparities, social polarisation, and institutional subversion cast a long shadow over its democratic fabric.




### Mahabharat 2025

**By Divyansh Mundra**

In *Mahabharat 2025*, the mythological meets the modern in an electrifying saga of ancestral curses and buried legacies.

DANCING DIVAS

Students from BES College perform during the Janapada Utsava, a folk festival | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## QUICKFIX

# RADISH PACHADI

### INGREDIENTS

- **Peanuts and coconut:** 2 tbsp each
- **Tamarind:** gooseberry size
- **Peppercorns:** 1 tbsp
- **Curd:** 300ml
- **Radish:** 2
- **Small onion:** 4-5
- **Chilli:** 2 or 3
- **Coriander:** 1/4 bunch
- **Salt to taste**
- **Sugar:** 1 tsp
- **Garlic:** 3 cloves
- **Ginger:** 1 inch
- **Sesame seeds, cumin seeds, hing:** 1 tsp each

### FOR TADKA

- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp
- **Curry leaves**
- **Dried red chilli:** 2

### METHOD

- Soak the tamarind in hot water for 15 minutes and extract the juice without pulp.
- Grate the radish. Don't remove the water it secretes as it's good for health. Whisk the curd with hing. Mix it with radish and keep aside.
- Add coconut, peanuts, sesame seeds, salt, sugar, coriander, chillies, cumin seeds, pepper, tamarind juice, ginger, garlic, and small onions to the mixer jar.
- Grind them into a paste. Then, mix them with curd.
- Prepare the tadka and add it to the mix. Pachadi is ready to serve.

Contributed by **Vaishali V,** Chennai

## MISS-FIT

**Wanitha Ashok**

*The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach*

### How can runners maintain the safety of their knees?

Running is a cardiovascular exercise that strengthens and builds heart and lung health. Every runner should train correctly to safeguard their knees, especially beginners and those with a history of joint issues.

Those who have arthritis or previous knee issues should refrain from running.

The key to protecting the knees lies in strength training, wearing well-fitted shoes and running technique:

- Practise running on softer surfaces.

**ASK AN XPERT**

- The most important factor to protect your knees is to incorporate strength training, especially of the lower body. Targeting muscles like hips, glutes, and quads can reduce injury risk and power your runs.
- Start with brisk walking, gradually add gentle jogs and then, build up your distance. It helps to train under a coach. Joining a local running club will help too.
- Listen to your body and don't push yourself through it if you feel pain. Do not run every day. Do not compromise on warm-ups and cool down. Fuel right and rest well.

## FITBIT

# URDHVA PADMASANA

(UPWARD LOTUS POSE)

This is one of the challenging inverted postures in yoga. It is just opposite to Padmasana (Lotus posture). This asana can be practised if you have a good mastery over Sarvangasana (Shoulder Stand Pose). It is considered as the extension of Sarvangasana. Spiritually, it is associated with Vishuddhi (Throat) Chakra which is the starting point of Udana Prana.

### STEPS

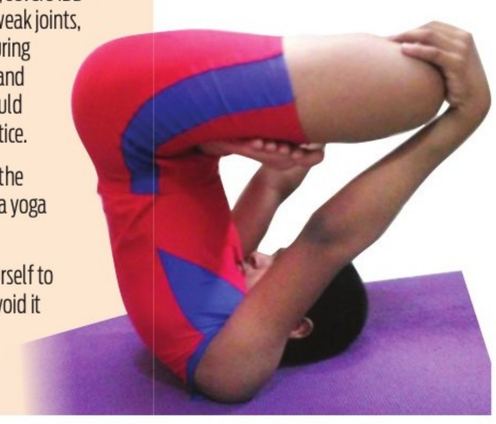
- Lie down flat on the back. Keep your legs stretched out, tightened at the knees. Place the hands by the side of the legs, a little away from the thighs, palms down. Take a few deep breaths.
- Exhale slowly and raise both legs together. Bring them at a right angle to the body. Remain in this position and inhale, keeping the legs steady.
- Exhale, raise the legs further up by lifting the hips and back off the floor, pressing the palms gently against the floor.
- When the whole trunk is raised off the ground, bend the elbows and place the palms on the ribs, resting the shoulders well on the floor, in Sarvangasana.
- Bend the right leg and place the right foot on the root of the left thigh and bend the left leg at the knees and place the left foot on the root of the right thigh forming Padmasana.
- Bend the folded leg so that it is parallel to your face. Place your hands on knees to support.
- Stay in the posture for five deep breaths or half a minute.
- To release, bring the hands down to the floor, palms facing down. Slowly exhale and lower the spine down. Relax in Savasana.

### BENEFITS

- Tones, strengthens, and corrects the shoulders.
- Blocks in the energy path are cleared with the flow of blood in the opposite direction giving an energy boost.
- Calms the nervous system.
- Guides the proper flow of prana from the Muladhara (Root) Chakra to the Sahasrara (Crown) Chakra.
- Included in the yoga sequence for balancing the elements.
- Doshas related to the component i.e. Vata and Pitta, are also maintained.
- Can be part of daily yoga for students of advanced level.
- Overall body workout, that includes strength, flexibility, awareness, and breath control.
- Releases blocked tensions in the hips, shoulders, and neck keeping the body light and free.
- Tones the entire body starting with the legs, buttocks, abdomen, and arms.
- Can help students with anxiety, and insomnia.
- Immune system boosts prana flowing in the opposite direction, with special attention given to the chest and rib cage.
- Helps in better concentration and memory, especially when practised with bandhas.
- Releases the unwanted energy from the body.
- Prepares the body-mind-breath for deeper pranayama and meditation practices.

### LIMITATIONS

- Students suffering from knee injuries, enlarged thyroid, liver or spleen, vertebral inflammation (spondylitis), slipped disc, high blood pressure, thrombosis, blood impurity, severe IBD fibromyalgia, weak joints, and women during menstruation and pregnancy should avoid this practice.
- Practise under the supervision of a yoga expert.
- Don't push yourself to achieve this. Avoid it after a heavy meal.



**By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

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HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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## WHATWHENWHYWHERE

### Fantasy Fun

Step into a unicorn wonderland filled with fun, games, and thrilling experiences for all ages. Highlights of the game zone include NBA jam, dragon punch, jumping rabbit, kiddy ride, ice hockey, and more.

**WHEN:** May 1, 10am
**WHERE:** Mantri Square Mall, Malleswaram
**DETAILS:** district.in

### Savouring Sushi

Get ready for an afternoon of great drinks, good company, and meaningful conversations over the art of sushi rolling. Highlights of the event include a hands-on sushi rolling workshop, gourmet appetisers, curated cocktails and fine wine in an intimate setting.

**WHEN:** May 3, 3pm
**WHERE:** Botany Brew and Kitchen, Kasturba Road
**CALL:** 63611 48584

### Game Up

Ditch boring quizzes and sign up for an evening of fun trivia, ridiculous party games, and chaotic point-wagering madness! Priced at ₹399 per person, the event welcomes solo participants and groups of up to five members, where the winners can avail of a gift voucher.

**WHEN:** May 1, 8pm **WHERE:** Now Boarding Cafe, HSR Layout **DETAILS:** allevents.in

### Save your Saree

Are you ready to have a fearless and intuitive moment with your unstitched, unused or hoarded textiles? Register for a fashion healing event where you can learn about a modern version of the ancient kashta drape, exchange style tips and techniques in an immersive sharing circle, and more.

**WHEN:** May 3, 5.30pm
**WHERE:** Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
**CALL:** 96325 10126

### Eat and Greet

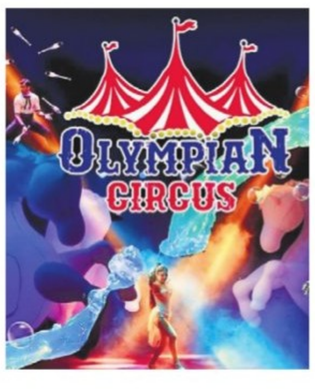
Immerse yourself in an afternoon of great food, new friendships, and unfiltered conversations. Begin with lunch and proceed for a coffee and cake at The Leela Palace with an intimate group of people where you can interact and get to know each other.

**WHEN:** May 1, 1pm
**WHERE:** Smoke House Deli, Indiranagar
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

### Girls Girls Girls!

Gather your girl gang and head to this event where DJs Night and Sick World will be showcasing their best beats. Book your spots to dance the night away and enjoy free unlimited drinks for women from 7.30pm.

**WHEN:** May 1, 7pm
**WHERE:** Fire Station - Bar & Kitchen, Electronic City **DETAILS:** highape.com




### Circus Day

Have a day out with your entire family and witness high-energy acts and non-stop entertainment at this circus event. Highlights include aerial silk performers, *Masha and the Bear* with their friends, a glow-in-the-dark laser man, juggling masters, and hilarious clowns bringing endless laughter.

**WHEN:** May 1, 11am
**WHERE:** Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Malleswaram
**DETAILS:** allevents.in

## ARTCORNER

# DIZZYING SYMMETRY

Artists Prithvi Raj Roy and Shruti Sri Ravi's print, part of their upcoming luxury silk scarf collection, is inspired by the intricate motifs of a Mughal palace window

# ABNORMAL OR EXCESS HEARTBEATS: DO I NEED TO WORRY?

**Experiencing an excess of heartbeats is a common ailment frequently encountered in young or middle-aged people**

DR M SUDHAKAR RAO

HEIGHTENED awareness of one's own heartbeats, also known as palpitations, has recently been seen as a common trend. Though most of these episodes are related to job-related stress or anxiety and panic attacks, other causes should be excluded before naming these benign probabilities.

Stress and anxiety may lead to sympathetic activation, leading to symptoms. Most of these are appropriate or inappropriate sinus tachycardia and can arise spontaneously or when one goes off anti-anxiety medication for a few weeks. People who consume excess alcohol or caffeine can also experience these symptoms. Low haemoglobin or anaemia and thyrotoxicosis (excess thyroid hormones) are other common causes and need to be ruled out by blood investigations. Rarely, cardiac conditions can cause palpitations which differ clinically when compared to psychological conditions. This condition includes arrhythmias or structural heart diseases mainly involving the valves. Symptoms may include fast heart rates, feeling of giddiness or loss of consciousness, and neck pulsations.

It is important to known if the excess heart beats are physiological or pathological, as treatment and prognosis differ. If the symptoms are infrequent, sometimes just monitoring using smart watches or devices like an oximeter may help before consulting a cardiologist. If someone has frequent palpitations which is not diagnosed on electrocardiogram, holter monitoring for 72 hours or even upto seven days may be a good way to identify the rate and rhythm issues. Very rarely are these arrhythmias are picked up on ECG in the case of patients with ongoing symptoms. ECG is an important test to diagnose any structural heart disease leading to palpitations.

Treatment of palpitations depends on the diagnosis. Stress, anxiety and panic attacks causing palpitations can be managed with counselling or sometimes short-term medication. Cardiac arrhythmias once diagnosed can be managed with medication or if needed, by radiofrequency ablation (depending on type). Correction of anaemia or underlying medical diseases may sometimes help.

*The writer is a consultant - cardiology, Manipal Hospital, Sarjapur Road*

# Stay safe from summertime sickness

While we often take extra precautions in winter, summer is no time to let our guard down. Experts share tips on how to stay safe this summer season

VENNAPUSALA RAMYA

SUMMER brings with it more than just sunshine and school breaks – it also raises the risk of seasonal illnesses for both children and adults. Whether you're out playing in the sun or hustling through daily routines, the heat can take a toll on your health.

Food poisoning becomes more common in summer due to warm, humid conditions that allow bacteria to multiply rapidly. Dr Shiva Prasad Surineni, general medicine, GVK Health Hub, says, "Ensure your refrigerator stays below 5°C and isn't overfilled, so air can circulate properly to keep the temperature consistent. Cooking meat, poultry, and seafood thoroughly is also critical." He also suggests using different chopping boards and utensils for raw meat and ready-to-eat items.

Dr Prasad adds, "Avoid high-risk foods to protect yourself. Street food, undercooked meat, and any food left out in the heat should be avoided. When travelling, stick to purified or bottled water to reduce the risk of waterborne infections."

Nausea, diarrhoea, stomach cramps, and fever point to food poisoning. In most cases, symptoms improve with rest and proper hydration, explains Dr Prasad. During recovery, it's best to eat bland and easy-to-digest foods. Spicy, oily, or sugary foods and drinks should be avoided until you feel completely better.

Hospitals and clinics have reported a notable rise in patients with heat-related illnesses, reveals Dr Prasad. "We see around 15–20 people seeking medical help daily for food poisoning alone. The soaring summer temperatures are a contributing factor, accelerating bacterial growth in improperly stored food. Alongside gastrointestinal issues, there's been an increase in vector-borne diseases like dengue. Stagnant water from summer showers creates perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes, resulting in a spike in infections."

**DR RAJIB PAUL, SENIOR CONSULTANT, INTERNAL MEDICINE AND CRITICAL CARE, APOLLO HOSPITALS, HAS SOME GREAT HEALTH TIPS FOR YOU THIS SUMMER:**

- **Stay hydrated:** Drink plenty of water. Avoid sugary beverages which can dehydrate you, and opt for coconut water and fresh fruit juices.
- **Stay safe from the sun:** Avoid direct sunlight between 10am and 4pm. Wear light-coloured and loose-fitting clothing and use sunscreen (SPF15 or higher). Protect yourself with a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
- **Avoid mosquito bites:** Dengue, malaria, and chikungunya cases spike during warmer months. So, use insect repellents with DEET or picaridin and wear long sleeves and full-length pants outdoors, especially in the evening. Eliminate standing water to prevent mosquito breeding.
- **Maintain good hygiene:** Wash hands frequently with soap and water and rinse eyes with clean water to prevent irritation. Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly.
- **Additional precautions:** Ensure vaccinations (like MMR) are up to date.

By following these simple yet effective guidelines, you can enjoy a safe and healthy summer, free from discomforts.

# Oral ulcers: Causes and treatment

DR DHANASHREE A IYENGAR

ORAL ulcers are small, painful, round to oval sores inside the mouth. They may be white, yellow or grey in the centre and have a red border. They are commonly located on the insides of the cheek (buccal mucosa), tongue, lips, gums (gingival) or the roof of the mouth (hard and soft palate). They are generally benign and harmless, lasting for about one to two weeks and heal by themselves.

Oral ulcers occur as a result of damage to the oral epithelium and its underlying layer (lamina propria). The damage could be due to trauma, irritation, chemo radiation, infections, certain drugs, inflammatory systemic disorders or one of many other causes.

### Avoidable causes

- Biting the insides of the cheeks
- Sharp teeth, braces, rough fillings
- Food allergies/intolerance
- Cuts or burns while eating/drinking

### Other causes

- Genetics/familial predisposition
- Nutrient deficiencies
- Medication – NSAIDs, beta-blockers
- Hormonal changes
- Stopping smoking – tendency to develop mouth ulcers in the initial few days after quitting smoking

### Cause for multiple ulcers

- Hand, foot or mouth disease
- Oral lichen planus
- Crohn's disease/Celiac disease
- Immunodeficiency – HIV, lupus, etcetera

### Consult a doctor if

- Lasts for more than three weeks
- There is bleeding/ it is unusually red in colour
- There are ulcers anywhere else on your body
- There are red, swollen joints
- It keeps recurring
- If there's fever or weight loss

*The writer is junior consultant ENT, SUT Hospital, Pattom*

### Mouth ulcer care at home

- Allow ice chips to melt over the ulcers
- Rinse your mouth with salt water or antiseptic mouthwash
- Use tonsil ulcer gels containing antiseptic and anti-inflammatory agents

**To do**

- Maintain oral hygiene – use soft toothbrush, floss regularly
- Drink cool drinks through a straw
- Eat soft, healthy and balanced food
- Get regular dental checkups. Seek immediate care in case of sharp edges of orthodontic appliances (braces) or ill fitting dentures
- Minimise stress, get adequate sleep
- Regular checkups and appropriate treatment of underlying comorbidities such as diabetes, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and liver and renal conditions, etc

**Don'ts**

- Avoid very salty/spicy/crunchy/acidic foods
- Avoid excess intake of very hot or acidic drinks/ tea/coffee/alcohol.

## NUGGETS

### Organisation launches assisted living centre in city

Geri Care Health Services, India's first integrated, geriatrician-led healthcare provider for senior citizens, recently launched an assisted living centre on St John's Road, Ulsoor, introducing a first-of-its-kind eldercare solution to the city. Purpose-built to support elders who require round-the-clock medical supervision in a home-like environment, the facility offers 24*7 on-site doctor support, dedicated geriatric nursing staff, and thoughtfully-designed living spaces. It is an elder care facility featuring a dedicated High Dependency Unit (HDU) for high-risk patients and a Mind and Memory Unit (MMU) for specialised dementia care – setting a new benchmark in elder-focused healthcare in the city.

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CHANGE OF NAME

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) SARTAJ** W/o IRSHAD AHMED Residing at Ward No. 13, Kadri Palya, Sidlaghatta Town, Sidlaghatta, Chikkaballapur - 562105. Have change my Name from **(OLD NAME) SARTAJ** to **(NEW NAME) SARTAJ IRSHAD AHMED** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.04.2025 Sworn before Notary by G. Dayananda Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHAIKH ABDUL BAQI**, aged about 50 Years, S/o S Abdul Jabbar, residing at No. 27. St. Johns Church Road, Near Arun Ice cream, Frazer town, Bengaluru -560 005 have changed my son's name to SurName as **"SHAIKH"** and Given Name as **"ABDUL HAADI"** vide affidavit dated 28-04-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary Prasad Shetty .K.B, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**
**I, Abhishek Uttamrao Billari** S/o Uttam Kisanrao Billari, aged about 33 years residing at No.1813, Hello Block Brigade, El Dorado, Huvinayakana Halli, Bengaluru - 562149, have changed my name from **Abhishek Uttamrao Billari** to **Abhishek Uttam Billari,** vide affidavit dated 28/4/2025 sworn to before G.R.Ravichandra Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

**THANKSGIVING**

Thanks for favours and blessing received continue to bless us.
**RICHARD FLORANCE & FAMILY**

**DECLARATION**
I, **PADMAJA R,** Mother of **DHANUSH RAVILLA HARI**, R/o No.14, Modern English School Back Side Road, Arehalli, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru-560061 all the names i.e. **PADMAJA R, PADMAJA RAVILLA** and **PADMAJA HARI R** are one and the same person, vide affidavit dated 28-04-2025 sworn before notary H.G. Padmanabha Rao, Reg. No.12464 (GOI), Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **(OLD NAME) MALLESU,** Father of NO.15334479X, HAV, APPINI VENKATESWARARAO, Residing at House NO.1-373, Ravivalasa (Vill & Post), Tekkali (MD), Srikakulam (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 532212, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) APPINI MALLESWARA RAO** And **DOB** from **01.07.1954** to **01.01.1958** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.04.2025 Sworn Before Notary S.I.BALAGURU BANGALORE

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Thank you Infant jesus for all the graces, mercies and blessings bestowed on my family thru your intercession to the Heavenly Father., Seeking your blessings always. **Treesa Joseph and family**

**THANKSGIVING**
**THE MIRACLE PRAYER**
Dear Heart of Jesus. in the past. I have asked for many favors. This time. I ask you this very special favor (mention favor). Take it dear Heart of Jesus, and place it within your own broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in his merciful eyes it will become your favor. not mine.
Amen. Say this prayer for 3 days, promise publication and favor will be granted. no matter how impossible. Never known to fail.
**Dear lord thank you for all Favors received. Seeking your graces, blessings and mercies always for me and my family.**
**JOSEPH GEORGE**

**AFFIDAVIT**
I, **Shobha Kumari** Wo. Dhanya Kumar , aged about 63 years, R/at No. 38, Sona, 8th Main, Nandakumar Layout, Hanumagiri Layout, Arehalli, VTC, Bengaluru - 560 061. I state my Official name is **Shobha Kumari** allice **Shobha D Kumar** from the date of my birth. I declare that **Shobha Kumari** allice **Shobha D Kumar** both names are of one and same person. I request through this affidavit to consider my name as **SHOBHA KUMARI** allice **SHOBHA D KUMAR.** Sworn before Advocate and Notary Devika Kumari A , wide affidavit dated 29.04.2025.

**CHANGE OF NAME**
I, **SHAVNISHKUMAR CHOUDHARY,** resident of NO. 302, 3RD Floor, Vihaan Villa, Building No.80, 4th main road, Near New Day Jiomart, Anugraha Layout, Bilekahalli, Bangalore - 560076 have changed my name to **AVNISHKUMAR MAHIPAL CHOUDHARY** for all future purposes. Affidavit dated 25-04-2025 sworn before advocate and notary B M Chandrashekar, Bangalore

**THANKSGIVING**

Grateful thanks to lord Infant Jesus for all the favours received. Please bless our family with good health and happiness always.
**Sudarshan and family.**

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# Suri-Yuva Rajkumar's project officially commences

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WE had previously reported that director Suri, known for acclaimed films like *Jackie*, *Anna Bond*, and *Tagaru*, is teaming up with *Yuva* Rajkumar for an upcoming project. The film was officially launched with a muhurtha ceremony held on the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya.

The event saw *Salaga* and *Bheema* actor Vijay Kumar who gave the first clap, while Vanditha Puneeth Rajkumar, daughter of the late Puneeth Rajkumar, switched on the camera and extended her best wishes to the team in the presence of Yuva Rajkumar's family, Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar, Karthik Gowda, Yogi G Raj, director Suri, along with the entire cast and crew.

While the film was initially referred to as *Kaage Bangara*, sources close to the team confirmed that the title has now been changed. However, the phrase '*Kaage Bangara*' will remain to play an essential role in the story.

Director Suri, known for his unique storytelling and stylised narratives, is expected to bring a bold vision to this film, which he has confirmed will be part of a trilogy. The story is penned by Surendranath, with screenplay and dialogues by Amri. Suri plans to merge the worlds of *Kendasampige* and *Popcorn Monkey Tiger*, crafting a cinematic universe.

Launched on Akshaya Tritiya, the film is backed by PRK Productions, KRG Studios, and Jayanna Films

Yuva Rajkumar and Rithanya Vijay Kumar

Suri and Vijay Kumar

As part of this, a few characters from the earlier films will reappear. Characters played by Prashanth Siddi and Poornachandra Mysuru from *Kendasampige* will have a continuity in the new storyline, with the police investigation thread also carried forward. Meanwhile, a few characters from *Popcorn Monkey Tiger* including Sparsha Rekha's role will also find place in this film. Actor Malla, who appeared in Bheema and *Salaga*, will play a key role, while seasoned actor Biradar will also portray a major character.

Rithanya Vijay Kumar, daughter of actor Duniya Vijay, who is making her debut with her father in Landlord, will be playing the female lead, and marks her second film. For Yuva Rajkumar, this will be his third outing after Yuva and the upcoming *Ekka*.

The technical crew includes Deepu S Kumar as editor, Charan Raj as composer, Santosh handling art direction, and Shekar as cinematographer. The film is scheduled to go on floors by the end of May, and is set to be a large-scale production under three major banners: PRK Productions, KRG Studios, and Jayanna Films.

Meanwhile, Yuva Rajkumar's next release, *Ekka*, directed by Rohit Padaki, is slated to hit screens in June. The film is currently in the final stages of production.

# UPENDRA AND NAGANNA REUNITE FOR *BHARGAVA*: A TALE OF A VIOLENT FAMILY MAN

A SHARADHAA

ACTOR Upendra and director Naganna, who have previously delivered notable Kannada films like *Kutumba*, *Gokarna*, *Dubai Babu*, and *Gowramma*, are set to collaborate once again for a new project titled *Bhargava*. The project was officially announced with a title teaser on the occasion of Akshaya Tritiya, accompanied by a tagline that read, 'A Violent Family Man.'

The film will be produced by Surappa Babu under the Ram Babu Productions banner, known for backing Kotigobba, Kotigobba 2 and 3. This marks his first collaboration with Upendra. Surappa Babu has assembled a dedicated team of writers working on an original story for *Bhargava* and confirms that the film is not inspired by any existing works.

"This is purely for Kannadigas and will not be a pan-India film," says Surappa Babu, who also reveals insights about the film's title. "'*Bhargava* as a word carries a mythological reference—Rama's bow, known as the *Bhargava* Astra, is a symbol of divine power. However, in this film, the tagline tells a very different story."

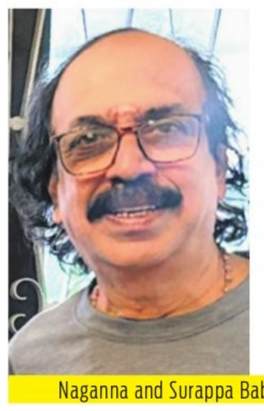
Speaking to CE, director Naganna revealed that the tagline reflects the central conflict of the film. "That contrast—of a violent family man—is exactly what the story is built on," he says.

Upendra, who will next be seen in Arjun Janya's directorial debut 45, is set to portray a character in *Bhargava* that has two distinct shades.

"Upendra's role is layered," Naganna explains. "The film will have moments of emotion, humour, and intensity. It's a character that is grounded yet unpredictable—something new for Upendra," he adds.

Naganna, whose previous directorial credits include Kurukshetra and Gimmick, describes *Bhargava* as a film whose story reflects current social and emotional realities.

"It's rooted in the present. Though the story revolves around a family man, the situations he faces push him beyond his limits," he added.



Naganna and Surappa Babu

Music for the film will be composed by Arjun Janya. Cinematography will be handled by Rajaratnam, who previously worked on Kotigobba 2 and is currently part of Kamal Haasan's Thug Life as an operative cameraman.

The script for the film has been finalised, and the team is currently in the process of locking the full cast. Veteran actors Avinash and Rangayana Raghu have already joined the project, while the female lead is set to be announced soon.

Upendra, who was last seen in *UI*, recently wrapped shooting for Rajinikanth's Coolie and is said to have also completed dubbing for the film. He is also engaged with a couple of Telugu projects, and is expected to begin work on *Bhargava* in the next few months.

On a related note, Naganna also provided a brief update on Kanakadasa, his much-anticipated historical project with Upendra. He noted that while the film is progressing, it involves a larger production scale and will require more time. In the meantime, *Bhargava* will be the immediate focus for the team.

The film is backed by Surappa Babu, who underlined that it will be made solely in Kannada, and has no plans to take it pan India

Upendra

Vijay Raghavendra

Natesh Hegde

Avinash

Revanna

# Natesh Hegde and Ganesh Hegde join hands for gritty mystery drama *Kurka*

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FILMMAKERS Natesh Hegde and Ganesh Hegde, the creative voices behind acclaimed films like Pedro and Neeli Hakki, are joining forces once again for an evocative cinematic journey titled *Kurka*. Produced under their banner Fox & Friends, in collaboration with Aghor Motion Pictures, led by philanthropist and businessman Dr Revanna, *Kurka* promises to be another poignant entry into Kannada's evolving new-wave cinema.

Helmed by Ganesh Hegde, *Kurka* is a mystery crime drama that revolves around themes of psychological depth, social complexity, and human fragility.

Ganesh Hegde

Ganesh Hegde, who bagged the Karnataka State Award for his debut Neeli Hakki (2021), continues his exploration of layered narratives. This time, the filmmaker is bringing a darker, sharper lens to the screen.

The film features Vijay Raghavendra, a National Award winner; veteran actor Avinash; and Anupama Gowda, who won the Karnataka State Award for best female actor in 2019. Jahangir MS, GB Bharath, Sindhu Herur, Nagaraj Hegde, and Shwetha Desai play supporting roles.

*Kurka* also boasts a talented technical team. The film's soundscape is crafted by Shreyank Nanjappa, an FTII alumni whose credits include festival favourites at Cannes and Berlin Film Festivals. Music comes from Charan Raj, while cinematography is handled by Ganesh Hegde himself. Natesh Hegde, also doubling as the film's editor, brings his nuanced storytelling touch, and TMEfx lends its artistry to the film's visual effects.

This marks the second outing from Fox & Friends, co-founded by Natesh Hegde, following the critical success of Pedro. There has also been palpable anticipation surrounding the upcoming film Vaghachipani (Tiger's Pond), which premiered at Berlinale recently—a first for Kannada cinema.

With its shoot completed, *Kurka* is all set for a theatrical release in June.

First look of Harshika Poonacha from *Kaalanaagini*

CE FEATURES

*KAALANAAGINI*, starring Harshika Poonacha has wrapped up shooting, and is nearing release. The first look poster was released by Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar.

Described as a fantasy drama, *Kaalanaagini* is directed by Vishruth Naik and produced by Rakshitha Gowda under the Madhura Movies banner. Madhu Mariswamy serves as project head.

The first look poster of *Kaalanaagini* sees Harshika in the shape of a snake. The film is touted to be a blend of emotion, action, and suspense, with the team currently focused on building anticipation with the final phase of promotion, before eyeing a June release.

Along with Harshika Poonacha, Arjun Vedanta also plays a prominent role in the film. The supporting cast includes well-known names such as Avinash, Sharath Lohithaswa, Ugram Manju, and Vijay Chendoor.

On the technical team, cinematography is handled by Arun Suresh, while music is composed by Sathish Babu. MN Vishwa takes charge of editing, with stunt choreography by Narsimha, dance choreography by Dhankumar, and VFX by Laksved Sangamesh.